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TOWN Report

1974

Merrimac, Massachusetts

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28 South Pleasant Street
Merrimac, Massachusetts
01860

February 2, 1976

Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Massachusetts

Subject: Finance Committee Appointment

Gentlemen:

Mr. Harry A. Daniels, 63 Locust Street, has been appointed to the Finance Committee.

He replaces Mr. Ronald A. Jewett of 9 Glen Road who resigned.

The appointment was made on January 23, 1976.

Sincerely yours,

H. Parker McLaren
Moderator
Town of Merrimac

FINANCE COMMITTEE TOWN OF MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS

Effective July 1, 1975

Harry Bowen, 35 South Pleasant street	346-8678	(Chairman) see attached
John E. Dunn 106 East Main street	346-8409	
James A. Hume 47 Locust street	346-9343	
Ronald A. Jewett 9 Glen Road	346-8665	
James S. Smith 34 Winter street	346-8646	
Deborah C. Willman 36 High street	346-9218	
Robert N. Zacharis 25 Orchard street	346-9539	

H. Parker McLaren
Moderator
Town of Merrimac

Submitted to Board of Selectmen June 20, 1975

cc: Town Clerk
Each of above members

Note to members: There will be an organizational meeting in the Town Offices on Wednesday July 2 to elect a chairman. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P. M.

August 27, '75

To whom it may concern,

The Finance Committee of the Town of Merrimac elected [illegible] Bowen as its chairman on August 25, 1975.

[illegible] Bowen

To The CITIZENS OF MERRIMAC:

The Finance Committee respectfully submits, for your approval, their budget recommendations for the fiscal year Julyl, 1975 to June 30, 1976.

You will note that we made no recommendations on the special articles as they were not received by the Committee in time to meet the printing schedule.

As was the case last year, we were unable to reach an agreed figure with the Merrimac School Committee. The Merrimac School Budget figure appearing in the Omnibus Article is the amount approved by the Finance Committee.

As a point of interest, salary increases for Town Employees were held to a percentage increase of 7%. (Exclusive of Police and Teachers).

Considering the financial plight in which the State now finds itself, it is only logical to assume that Cherry Sheet reimbursements will be reduced for this coming year. We hope you will consider this prior to voting on all issues involving money.

Please take note of the following information:
Basically, the tax rate is figured as follows:
ALL money voted by the taxpayers to be spent MINUS ALL reimbursements (schools, highways, etc. EQUALS The amount that must be raised by taxation.

Each dollar of the tax rate equals approximately $15,600.00 of the amount that must be raised by taxation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. MADDEN, Chairman
JAMES P. FLYNN
DAVID A. DUTTON
JAMES A. HUME
RICHARD W. PEARSON
JAMES S. SMITH
JOHN E. DUNN

.10% Street Lights
.30% Health
.30% Recreation
.40% Veterans Ben.
.70% Cemeteries
1.15% Library
1.90% Pensions
2.55% Water Dept.

2.60% General Gov't.

3.75% Unclassified

6.15% Highway & Dump

6.60% Protection

6.90% Mat. Debt & Int.

66.60% Schools

Local Schools 29.35%
Pent. Reg. 31.50%
Whittier Tech. 5.75%

RECAP

of

Reserve Fund

Appropriation	$10,000.00
Transferred to:	
Tree Warden Exp.	370.03
Water in Town Bldg.	66.06
Light in Town Bldg.	2,447.47
Ambulance Service	450.00
Selectmen Expense	100.00
Police Expense	2,100.00
	$ 5,533.56
Estimated Transfers	4,466.44
	$10,000.00

Item #	Appropriated 7-1-74 to 6-30-75	Expended 7-1-74 3-1-75	Estimated Expend. to 6-30-75		Recommended 7-1-75 to 6-30-76
			GENERAL GOVERNMENT 2.60% of Total		
			Moderator		
1	$ 12.00	$	$ 12.00	Salary	$ 12.00
			Finance Committee		
2	750.00	203.60	546.00	Expenses	1,000.00
			Selectmen		
3	1,800.00	1,200.00	600.00	Salaries	2,100.00
4	3,900.00	2,160.00	1,740.00	Clerk	4,150.00
5	1,000.00	862.00	138.00	Expense	1,475.00
			Accountant		
6	8,840.00	5,950.00	2,890.00	Salary	9,360.00
7	100.00	65.60	34.40	Expense	100.00
			Treasurer		
8	1,200.00	800.00	400.00	Salary	1,200.00
9	400.00	400.00		Clerk	600.00
10	3,100.00	1,436.12	1,663.88	Expenses	3,100.00
			Tax Collector		
11	2,500.00	1,666.64	833.36	Salary	2,500.00
12	700.00	700.00		Clerk	900.00
13	3,400.00	1,082.67	2,317.33	Expense	2,575.00
			Assessors		
14	3,000.00	1,999.92	1,000.08	Salary	3,000.00
15	4,000.00	2,692.55	1,307.45	Clerk	4,280.00
16	3,225.00	1,074.94	2,150.06	Expense	3,575.00
			Legal Suits & Expenses		
17	1,980.00	1,320.00	660.00	Salary -Town Counsel	1,980.00
18	4,500.00	1,894.62	2,605.38	Expense	4,500.00
			Town Clerk		
19	1,000.00	666.64	333.36	Salary	1,000.00
20	510.00	48.64	431.36	Expense	610.00
			Registrars		
21	300.00		300.00	Salary	450.00
22	362.00	66.90	295.10	Expense	150.00
23	400.00		400.00	Census Taker	400.00
			Election Officers		
24	835.00	451.20	383.80	Wages	796.00
25	71.00	43.00	28.00	Expense	54.00
			Planning Board		
26	800.00	533.91	266.09	Expense	800.00

Item #	Appropriated 7-1-74 to 6-30-75	Expended 7-1-74 3-1-75	Estimated Expend. to 6-30-75		Recommended 7-1-75 to 6-30-76
			Appeals Board		
27	$ 100.00		$ 100.00	Clerk	$ 100.00
28	300.00	84.93	215.07	Expense	300.00
29	651.00	20.00	631.00	Bonding Twn. Off.	841.00
			Town Hall		
30	840.00	560.00	280.00	Janitor Salary	900.00
31	15,550.00	5,474.80	10,075.20	Maintenance	9,900.00
	16,390.00	6,034.80	10,355.20	Total Gen. Gov.	62,708.00
			PROTECTION 6.60% of Total		
			Police		
32	14,218.36	10,663.77	3,554.59	Salaries-Chief	14,933.36
33	9,925.76	5,626.40	4,299.36	Sergeant	10,421.84
34	37,917.00	28,072.66	9,844.34	Patrolmen	39,391.56
35	5,200.00	3,600.00	1,600.00	Clerk	600.00
36	10,000.00	7,201.49	2,798.51	Specials	10,926.00
37	2,720.00	1,564.00	1,156.00	Cr. Guards	3,360.00
38	6,173.48	1,000.00	5,173.48	Overtime	14,388.34
38a				Other Exp.	13,255.00
39	2,500.00	1,789.00	711.00	Communications	16,356.56
40	14,150.00	9,620.79	4,529.21	Communications Exp.	5,100.00
	102,804.60	69,138.11	33,666.49	Total Police	128,732.66
			Fire		
41	8,100.00		8,100.00	Wages - Firemen	9,300.00
42	12,350.00	2,623.41	9,726.59	Expenses	8,119.00
43	1,300.00		1,300.00	Salaries-Engineers	1,050.00
44	200.00		200.00	Forest Fire Wardens	200.00
44a	2,000.00	1,869.69	130.31	Fire Hose	
44b	2,000.00		2,000.00	Relocate Fire Alarm	
44c	3,000.00	1,483.78	1,516.22	Answering Service	
44d	10,000.00		10,000.00	Radio Equipment	
	38,950.00	5,976.88	32,973.12	Total Fire	18,669.00
			Gas Inspector		
45	378.00	252.00	126.00	Salary	417.00
46	135.00	105.00	30.00	Expense	174.00
			Wiring Inspector		
47	350.00	233.28	116.72	Salary	384.00
48	50.00		50.00	Expense	75.00
			Building Inspector		
49	300.00	200.00	100.00	Salary	400.00
50				Expense	200.00
			Oil Burner Inspector		
51	150.00		150.00	Salary	150.00
52	50.00		50.00	Expense	50.00
			Tree Warden		
53	300.00	150.00	150.00	Salary	300.00
54	4,047.00	4,231.02		Expense	4,047.00

Item #	Appropriated 7-1-74 to 6-30-75	Expended 7-1-74 3-1-75	Estimated Expend. to 6-30-75		Recommended 7-1-75 to 6-30-76
			Moth		
55	1,000.00	986.51	13.49	Expenses	1,000.00
56	2,000.00	2,000.00		Dutch Elm	2,000.00
57	700.00		700.00	New Trees	700.00
58	1,500.00	1,500.00		Stump Removal	1,500.00
			Dog Officer		
59	316.00	210.00	106.00	Salary	444.00
60	684.00	428.00	256.00	Expense	700.00
			Civil Defense		
60a	250.00	78.87	369.52	Expense	
	154,347.01	85,489.67	68,857.34	Total Protection	159,942.66
		HEALTH & SANITATION	.30% of Total		
61	1,000.00	115.21	884.79	Bd. of Health Exp.	1,000.00
			Health Nurse		
62	2,000.00	1,333.38	666.62	Salary	2,000.00
63	200.00		200.00	Expense	200.00
64	300.00	200.00	100.00	Plum. Insp. Salary	300.00
65	2,650.00	285.00	2,365.00	Sewerage Insp. Exp.	2,100.00
66	180.00		180.00	Vital Statistics	180.00
			Animal Inspector		
67	100.00		100.00	Salary	100.00
68	15.00		15.00	Expense	15.00
			Milk Inspector		
69	25.00		25.00	Salary	25.00
70	15.00		15.00	Expense	15.00
	6,485.00	1,933.59	4,551.41	Total Health & Sanitation	5,935.00
		DUMP MAINTENANCE			
71	6,032.00	4,132.78	1,899.22	Salary	6,454.24
72	18,000.00	9,455.83	8,544.17	Expense	15,000.00
	24,032.00	13,588.61	10,443.39	Total Dump Maint.	21,454.24
		HIGHWAYS & Dump 6.15% of Total			
72a		7,155.03		Salary-Superintendent	
72b		21,037.24		Wages	
72c		245,320.55		Expenses	
72d	8,995.30	5,888.37	3,106.93	Road Machinery	See Sp. Art. 4
72e	20,686.00	19,437.75	1,248.25	Thickly Settled	See Sp. Art. 5
72f	16,525.00	5,052.13	11,472.87	Ch 765 Improv. (form. Ch 81)	See Sp. Art. 6
72g	2,500.00	2,478.78	21.22	Ch 765 Improv. (form. Ch 90 Maint)	See Sp. Art. 6
72h	16,000.00	15,188.23	811.77	Ch.765 Const. (form. Ch 90 Const)	See Sp. Art. 7
72i	2,500.00	1,861.46	638.54	Side. Rails& Bridges	Sp. Art. 8
72j	10,000.00	9,983.40	16.60	Oiling Roads	See Sp. Art. 9

Item #	Appropriated 7-1-74 to 6-30-75	Expended 7-1-74 3-1-75	Estimated Expend. to 6-30-75		Recommended 7-1-75 to 6-30-76
73	30,000.00	24,287.20	5,712.80	Snow & Washouts	35,000.00
74	3,500.00	1,183.69	2,316.31	Rep. on Pri. Ways	5,000.00
75	4,100.00	2,105.47	1,994.53	Water Dept. Work	4,920.00
			Sub-Total of Omnibus Approp.		44,920.00
			Sub-Total of Special Art. App.		51,061.41
			Sub-Total of St. Aid Re-Imb.		31,025.00
	110,706.00	85,361.01	25,345.29	Total Highways	127,006.41
		STREET LIGHTING	.10% of Total		
76	12,000.00		12,000.00	Expense	14,000.00
		VETERANS BENEFITS	.40% of Total		
77	1,003.00	668.64	334.36	Serv. Off. Salary	1,063.00
78	250.00	154.68	95.32	Expense	250.00
79	124.00		124.00	Care of Graves	124.00
80	803.00	535.28	267.72	Soldiers Ben.-Clerk	851.00
81	7,000.00	6,454.57	9,241.61	Allowances	7,000.00
	17,876.18	7,813.17	10,063.01	Total Vets Benefits	9,288.00
		SCHOOLS	66.60 % of Total		
82		288,588.63		Salaries & Wages	
83		35,393.08		Expenses	
84		4,112.42		Spec. Tuition & Trans.	
85		16,217.90		Regular Trans.	
86		2,400.66		Lunch Program	
87				Vocational	
	647,512.00	346,712.69	300,799.31	Total Elem. Schools	713,454.00
88	701,129.00	467,419.32	233,709.68	Pent. Reg. Assess.	765,849.00
89	186,832.00	158,807.20	28,024.80	Whittier Vo-T Asses.	138,998.00
	1,535,473.00	972,939.21	562,533.79	TOTAL SCHOOLS	1,618,301.00
		LIBRARY	1.15% of Total		
90	8,914.00	6,056.76	2,857.24	Salary-Librarian	9,630.00
91	8,421.00	4,275.21	4,145.79	Wages	7,924.00
92	6,235.00	5,294.27	940.73	Expense	9,720.00
	895.00	559.35	335.65	Furnishings	
	24,465.00	16,185.59	8,279.41	Total Library	27,274.00
		RECREATION	.30% of Total		
93	3,500.00	733.30	2,766.70	Playground	3,600.00
94	1,500.00	1,500.00		Supervised Play	1,620.00
95	1,500.00	557.50	942.50	Indian Head Park	1,500.00
	6,500.00	2,790.80	3,709.20	Total Recreation	6,720.00
		PENSIONS	1.90% of Total		
96	30,000.00	29,408.58	591.42	Essex County Ret.	44,364.00
97	897.00	897.91		Pension Bill	933.99
	30,897.91	30,306.49	591.42	Total Pensions	45,297.99
		UNCLASSIFIED	3.75% of Total		
98	19,000.00	17,083.45	1,916.55	Insurance	21,027.00
99	15,200.00	5,868.96	9,331.04	Group Insurance	19,800.00
100	50.00		50.00	Tax Title Property	50.00
101	300.00	299.20	.80	Ambulance Service	400.00
102	450.00		450.00	Memorial Day	500.00

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103	500.00	500.00		Rent Amer. Leg. Qtrs.	1,000.00
104	250.00	146.20	103.80	Conserv. Comm. Exp.	1,100.00
105	1,500.00		1,500.00	Print Town Reports	2,000.00
106	424.50	424.50		Mer. Vall. Pl. Comm.	849.00
107	12,947.47	12,947.47		Light Town Bldgs.	14,630.64
108	1,100.00	1,166.06		Water Town Bldgs.	1,406.00
	5,000.00	4,667.80	332.20	Renovate Auditorium	
109	5,000.00		5,000.00	Write Town History	5,000.00
110				Historical Comm. Exp.	5,000.00
111	600.00	538.30	61.70	Twn. Beautification	900.00
112	5,000.00	5,000.00		Stabilization Fund	7,000.00
113	10,000.00	2,697.55	7,302.45	Reserve Fund	10,000.00
	77,388.03	51,339.49	26,148.54	Total Unclassified	90,662.64
		WATER DEPT.	2.55% of Total		
114	4,475.00	3,052.35	1,515.65	Salary-Manager	5,125.00
115	2,600.00	1,522.08	1,077.92	Salary-Clerk	2,725.00
116	19,850.00	12,003.80	7,846.20	Wages	21,125.00
117	30,050.00	15,935.65	14,114.35	Expense	30,600.00
	56,975.00	32,513.88	24,461.12	Total Water	59,575.00
118	1,200.00	600.00	600.00	Light & Water Com.Sal.	1,200.00
		CEMETERIES	.70% of Total		
119	12,350.00	6,212.25	6,137.75	Wages	13,159.45
120	150.00		150.00	Trustee Wages	150.00
121	2,500.00	2,500.00		Expense	2,690.55
	15,000.00	8,712.25	6,287.75	Total Cemeteries	16,000.00
		MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	6.90% of Total		
	5,000.00		5,000.00	School Addition	
122	40,000.00	40,000.00		Red Oak School	40,000.00
123	4,000.00	4,000.00		Water Meters	4,000.00
124	20,000.00		20,000.00	Brox Bldg.	20,000.00
125	35,000.00	35,000.00		Water Wells	35,000.00
126				Stand Pipes	15,000.00
			Interest:		
	185.00	92.50	92.50	School Addition	
127	18,900.00	9,870.00	9,030.00	Red Oak School	17,220.00
128	195.00	195.00		Water Meters	65.00
129	1,720.00		1,720.00	Brox Bldg.	860.00
130	23,520.00	23,520.00		Water Wells	21,805.00
131	3,857.50	3,507.50	350.00	Stand Pipes	6,557.50
132	10,000.00	2,891.10	7,108.90	Tax Ant. Notes	7,000.00
	162,377.50	119,076.10	43,301.40	Total Maturing Debt & Interest	167,507.50

TOTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS	$ 2,432,872.44
TOTAL RECOMMENDED TRANSFERS	$ 31,025.00
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMM.	$ 51,061.41

SURPLUS REVENUE		$ 299,864.52
Personal 1972	$ 550.42	
Personal 1973	1,623.19	
Personal 1974	1,688.69	
Personal 1975	20,111.50	
Real 1973 -74	8,547.74	
Real 1975 -75	29,623.06	
Real 1975	537,279.24	
		$ 599,423.84
FREE CASH DEFICIT		$ 299,559.32

BORROWING CAPACITY OF TOWN JANUARY 1, 1975

Real and Personal:

Valuation 1972 less abatements	$ 13,864,757.00
Valuation 1973 less abatements	14,440,189.00
Valuation 1974 less abatements	14,534,986.00

Motor Vehicle Excises:

Valuation 1972 less abatements	$ 2,423,990.00
Valuation 1973 less abatements	2,618,204.00
Valuation 1974 less abatements	2,186,881.00
Net valuation 3 yrs. less abatements	$ 50,071,007.00
Average valuation 3 yrs. less abatements	$ 16,690,336.00
5% thereof (Debt Limit)	$ 834,517.00

EXISTING TOWN DEBT

Outside Debt Limit:

Red Oak School (1964 - $785,000) Balance	$ 430,000.00
Water Wells (1973 - $480,000) Balance	$ 445,000.00
Stand Pipes (1974 - $115,000) Balance	$ 115,000.00

Inside Debt Limit:

Water Meters (1966 $ 40,000) Balance	$ 4,000.00
Brox Bldg. Purchase(1973-65,000) Balance	20,000.00
	$ 1,014,000.00

INTEREST ON ABOVE

Outside Debt Limit:

Red Oak School	$ 17,220.00
Water Wells	$ 21,805.00
Stand Pipes	$ 6,557.00

Inside Debt Limit:

Water Meters	$ 65.00
Brox Bldg.	860.00
	$ 46,507.50

ARTICLES

1. Omnibus article on budget.

2. Authorization for Town Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen, to borrow money.

3. Authorize the Assessors to use sum of money from "Free Cash" in the treasury toward the reduction of the 1975-76 tax rate.

4. To raise and appropriate, a sum of money for maintenance of road machinery.
   Appropriate $9,095.30

5. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for construction, reconstruction and resurfacing local streets.
   Appropriate $19,339.11

6. To raise and appropriate, and transfer from Chapter 1140, a sum of money to Chapter 765 Road Improvements. (Formerly Ch. 81, Ch. 90 Maint., and Ch. 90 Const., funds of which are re-imbursed by the State)
   Appropriate $9,627.00
   Transfer 9,450.00

7. To raise and appropriate, and transfer from Chapter 1140, a sum of money to Chapter 765 Road Construction. (Formerly Ch. 81, Ch. 90 Maint., and Ch. 90 Const., funds of which are re-imbursed by the State)
   Appropriate $8,000.00
   Transfer $4,000.00

8. To transfer from Chapter 1140, a sum of money for sidewalks, rails, and bridges.
   Transfer $4,961.00

9. To raise and appropriate, and transfer from Chapter 1140, a sum of money for oiling roads.
   Appropriate $5,000.00
   Transfer $5,000.00 (funds re-imbursed)

10. To appropriate the sum of $1,525.00 from the sale of cemetery lots to be expended for "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of Cemeteries.
    Appropriate $1,525.00

11. To appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light operating balance to be used by the Assessors with estimated receipts to reduce the 1975-76 tax rate.

    Reduction of Taxes $35,000.00

12. To transfer dog license fees to the Library.

13. To accept benefits to Public Libraries.

14. To authorize the Tree Warden to hire himself to perform labor or render services to the Tree Dept. at the rate of $2.00 per hour.

15. To raise and appropriate the sum of $80,000.00 less Federal and State construction grants for engineering services to prepare a facilities planning study for the proposed sewerage system and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for engineering services to prepare said study.

16. To purchase a new Fire Truck.

17. Acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, for cemetery purposes a certain parcel of land in fee containing approximately 22 acres, more or less, located on the Cemetery Road and Locust Street and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner thereof at the intersection of Cemetery Road and Locust Street and thence running in a Southerly direction by said Locust Street 500 feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Mead; thence turning and running Easterly by said land of Mead 200 feet; thence turning and running Southerly by land of Mead and Rogers 375 feet; thence turning Easterly in various courses by land of Boucher, Walker, Gilchrist and Smith a total distance of 650 feet; thence turning and running Northerly by various courses by said land of Smith a total distance of 385 feet thence turning and running Easterly by said land of Smith 575 feet; thence turning and running Northerly by said land of Smith 550 feet to the Locust Grove Cemetery; Thence turning and running Westerly 175 feet to the Cemetery Road; thence turning and running Southerly in various courses by the Cemetery Road 1,300 feet, more or less, to Locust Street and the point of beginning. Subject to easements and restrictions of record if any there be. 2. To transfer the sum of $55,500.00 from
to defray the purchase price, surveying expenses and other costs of this acquisition; 3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen and Trustees to do anything which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing. Alternate #2 for borrowing. That the sum of $55,500.00 be appropriated to defray the purchase price, surveying expenses and other costs of this acquisition and that to raise this appropriation the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow the sum of $55,500.00 under G.L. Ch 44 as amended. Alternate #3 for taxation. That the sum of $55,500.00 be raised and appropriated by taxation to defray the purchase price, surveying expenses and other costs of this acquisition.

18. To appropriate and transfer from Revenue Sharing funds the sum of $49,000.00 to be expended by the Brox Building Renovation Committee for the purposes of repairing, remodeling and renovating the Brox Building. 2. That said repairing, remodeling and renovating include the following: a. repair of windows and doors, b. adding and removing walls and partitions for cells and other necessary facilities, c. any other repair, remodeling or renovation deemed necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Brox Building Renovation Committee to enable the Police Department to move into the Brox Building, d. any other repair remodeling or renovation deemed necessary or convenient in the opinion of the Brox Building renovation Committee. 3. That the Brox Building Renovation Committee be authorized to enter into any contracts or do anything which may be necessary or convenient in carrying out the purpose of this article.

19. To raise and appropriate the sum of $31,000.00 to be expended by the Assessors to hire a professional appraisal firm to revalue real estate in the Town of Merrimac.

20. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $3,000.00 to be expended by the Assessors to perform duties relating to any equalization or revaluation of the Town; to authorize the Assessors to hire themselves at the rate of $4.00 per hour and to hire such other necessary assistance as the Assessors may deem necessary or convenient.

21. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $21,000.00 to be expended by the Selectmen for the purchase of a new dump truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in or sell any present Highway Department truck and apply the proceeds thereof towards the cost of said new dump truck. Appropriate $21,000.00

22. To raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to defray the cost of erecting school zone traffic signs in the area of the Red Oak School and the Donaghue School in accordance with permits from the Dept. of Public Works numbered B-648 and B-649 respectively, $8,000.00 of which is to be re-imbursed by the State upon completion of the work.

23. To authorize the Conservation Commission to purchase in fee, or any other interest therein, for conservation purposes, from the Boston & Maine R.R. or its trustees in bankruptcy, a certain parcel of land approximately 80 feet wide commencing at the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border and running a distance of approximately 2 miles to land now or formerly of Edgemont Mfg. Co., being shown on a plan entitled "Boston & Main Corp., Val. Sec 7.6 Maps 4,5,6, Merrimac, Mass., Office of the Vis Pres Eng., Scale: 1 inch =100 ft, 8:6-19-73", B. That the sum of $6,700.00 be raised and appropriated and the sum of $2,000.00 be transferred from the Conservation Fund to defray the cost and expenses of said purchase; C. That the Conservation Commission be authorized to apply for and receive any State or Federal assistance which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing.
Appropriated $6,700.00
Transfer $2,000.00

24. To raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to be expended by the Selectmen for the purchase of a Police Cruiser and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in or sell any present Police Cruiser and to use the proceeds towards the purchase of said new Police Cruiser.
Appropriate $4,000.00

25. To raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 to be expended by the Selectmen for the erection of a tower and moving and installing of Police equipment and radio at the Brox Building.
Appropriate $2,500.00

26. To raise and appropriate the sum of $4,245.00 to be paid to the Haverhill Newburyport Mental Health and Retardation Area Board for the purpose of rendering mental health and mental retardation services to the residents of the Town of Merrimac.
Appropriate $4,245.00

27. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to file applications under Sec.466E, Title 33, of the United Stated Code for grants to be made by the United States to aid in defraying the costs of construction of the sewerage treatment works; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to furnish such information and to take such other action as may be necessary to enable the Town to qualify for the grant; to agree that if such a grant is made, the Town will pay all of the remaining costs of the approved project over and above the amount of the grant.

28. To authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Building Code Board of Appeals for the purpose of hearing appeals pertaining to a Building Inspector's actions in accord with the provisions contained in the State Building Code, Sec.126.8 which became effective on Jan. 1, 1975, said Board to consist of 5 members,

1 member to be appointed for 5 years, 1 member for 4 years, one member for 3 years, one member for 2 years and 1 member to serve for 1 year, and thereafter, each new member is to serve for 5 years or until his successor has been appointed.

29. To amend the By-Laws of the Town by adding to Article IV, Section 10 the following: "All Town employees who work thirty (30) hours or more per week shall be entitled to the same vacation, sick leave and holiday benefits as full time employees."

30. That the Town acknowledge the acceptance as public ways of all streets and ways in existence at the time zoning laws became effective in Merrimac, providing these streets and ways were recorded at the Registry of Deeds at Salem, Massachusetts; at the Town Clerk's Office - were in use and available to the public, and were taxed as having road frontage by the Town Assessors.

31. That the Town vote to accept and endorse for Merrimac, the Master Plan as completed by the Planning Board dated, February 1964, and adopt as the Town's official map that map illustrated in this Master Plan on Page 89 (Map VIII-1) entitled "Existing Street Classification".

32. To amend the Zoning By-Laws pertaining to gravel removal.

33. That the Town under the provisions of Ch. 45, Sec. 21 of the G. L's, as amended by Ch. 893 of the Acts of 1971, authorize the Conservation Commission to appoint a special Town Forest Committee to be in charge of the management and care of the Town Forest.

34. That the Town transfer to Robert R. and Jane E. Sargent a parcel of land located near Sargent's Pond, said exchange of land to be for water supply purposes; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all deeds and other instruments necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this vote.

35. To amend the By-Laws of the Town by adding to Article III Sections 9 and 10

36. To amend the By-Laws of the Town by deleting the words "One thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars" in the first sentence of Section 4 of Article IV and substituting in place thereof the words "Two Thousand ($2,000.00)

37. To vote to rescind Article 25 of the Annual Town Meeting on May 6, 1974 pertaining to recycling.

38. To vote to rescind the action of the Town Meeting taken under Articles 21 and 27 of the Annual Town Meeting held on February 23, 1970.

39. To adopt a resolution in favor of a program of municipal aid and additional educational aid.

40. To designate River Road as a scenic road under the provisions of Ch. 40, Sec. 15C.

41. To receive and place on file the report of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Changing Town Government.

42.- To receive and place on file the report of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Department of Public Works.

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BECKER OFFSET

Merrimac, Mass.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL
MERRIMAC, MASS.

Robert F Roy 9-9-95
Hadley Rd

Will fill the unexpired term on Board of Health, Mrs Carlton's term.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL
MERRIMAC, MASS.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN *of* MERRIMAC

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1974

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In Memoriam

To Those

Who Have Held a Public Office

in the

Town of Merrimac

Olive S. Wilde 5/13/74
Edmund S. Staples 12/24/74

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED OFFICERS

MODERATOR

1 YEAR

H. PARKER McLAREN 1976

Robert L. Eckert, Res'd 6/5/74
Dorothy A. Cloyd, to fill unexpired term

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 YRS.

H. Francis Drenth	Term Expires 1976
George P. Stevens	1977
Nancy C. MacGregor	~~1975~~ 1978

TOWN TREASURER

1 YR. 1976

Roy C. Journeay

TAX COLLECTOR

3 YRS. 1976

Wilfred G. Journeay

TOWN CLERK

1 YEAR 1976

Dorothy A. Cloyd

ASSESSORS

3 YRS.

J. Duncan How, ~~Chairman~~	Term Expires ~~1975~~ 1978
Walter D. Calnan CHAIRMAN	1976
Edmund L. Hamel	1977

PLANNING BOARD

5 YRS.

Clayton M. Sibley, Chairman	Term Expires ~~1975~~ 1977
Thomas B. Graziano	~~1975~~ 1976
Arthur D. Evans	~~1975~~ 1980
Rosalind G. Tufts	1979
George F. Mahoney	1978

Rosalind A. Tufts - MVPC Rep. Delegate
George F. Mahoney - MVPC Alternate

CONSTABLES 3 YEARS

Brian W. Peavey	Term Expires 1977
Forest M. Lavalley	1977
Maurice Carey	1977

TREE WARDEN 3 YRS.

Donald A. Dwyer 1976

BOARD OF HEALTH 3 YRS.

~~Norman B. Carleton, Ch.~~ Resigned 9/1/75	Term Expires ~~1975~~ 1978
~~Allen F. Stevens~~ CONSTANCE HOYT	1976
Arthur W. Hoyt	1977

ROBERT F. ROY HADLEY RD. APPOINTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 YRS.

~~Francis G. Ronan, Ch.~~ RESIGNED	Term Expires 1977
Daniel S. Gulezian, Res'd 12/74	
~~Walter H. Mann~~ ZILLAH BUZZELL	~~1975~~ 1976
Joseph R. Burke	1977
Eida V. Jervey	~~1975~~ 1978
~~David W. Shaw~~ RHONDA OSBORNE	~~1975~~ 1978

Zillah Buzzell - Whittier Vo-Tech Rep.

SUSAN M. COBURN MAY 1976

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY 3 YRS.

Eida V. Jervey, Ch.	Term Expires ~~1975~~ 1978
Charlotte P. Gulezian	1977
E. Elizabeth Pittman	1977
Eleanor S. Hope-McCARTHY	~~1975~~ 1978
Nathan Tufts	1976
Mary E. Parry	~~1975~~ 1976

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION 5 YRS.

George P. Stevens, Ch.	Term Expires 1978
Leon B. Smith	1979
Michael J. McLaughlin	~~1975~~ 1980
William B. Bickford	1976
Robert D. Randall	1977

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD & BARK

1 YR.

Wallace P. SpenceR	Term Expires ~~1975~~ 1976
Robert R. Sargent	~~1975~~ 1976
~~Arthur E~~. Sargent EDGAR D.	~~1975~~ 1976

TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

3 YRS.

Allen T. Wilson	Term Expires 1977
Louis P. Bibeau	~~1975~~ 1978
Bruce R. Christie	1976

MUNCIPAL LIGHT COMMISSIONERS

3 YRS.

Wilbur E. Wallace	Term Expires 1977
George A. Waterhouse	1976
Brian W. Peavey	~~1975~~ 1978

MUNICIPAL WATER COMMISSIONERS

3 YRS.

Wilbur E. Wallace	Term Expires 1977
George A. Waterhouse	1976
Brian W. Peavey	~~1975~~ 1978

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY

3 YRS.

Alva W. Clark, Ch.	Term Expires 1976
Merrill B. Smith, Clerk	1977
Harold R. Arbour, Sec'y	~~1975~~ 1978

MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

5 YRS.

Dorothy Olson, Gov. Appointee	
~~Edmond L. Hamel~~ WILLIAM H. WHITING	Term Expires ~~1975~~ 1980
Alexander M. Sullivan	1976
George E. Lucy	1977
William D. Vance	~~1975~~ 1978
Florent J. Gosselin, Res'd 5/1/74	

See list in front

DIRECTORY OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edward F. Madden, Ch.	Term Expires 1975
Richard W. Pearson	1975
John E. Dunn	1975
David A. Dutton	1975
James S. Smith	1975
James A. Hume	1975
Bernard C. Goodwin	1975

BOARD OF APPEALS (3-year)

~~Francis X. Sheehy, Ch.~~	~~Term Expires 1976~~
David W. Goodwin	1977
Richard Herbert	1977
William J. Burns	~~1975~~ 1978
Robert MacLeod	1976
KAREN EHRIG	1976

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS BOARD OF APPEALS

PETER G. CONNER

~~Karen Ehrig~~ ~~John T. Sheehan~~

Appeals Board Secretary - Melinda Davis

SELECTMEN'S CLERK

Barbara A. Zeliske

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Gertrude C. MacKenzie

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Mildred Harrington	Term Expires 1977
Michael J. McLaughlin	~~1975~~ 1978
Arthur R. Cloyd	1976

LEGAL COUNSEL

Richard P. Hamel

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK – TOWN HALL JANITOR

Madeleine A. Lay

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF

Donald J. Montigny

SERGEANT

Alfred Nichols
Raymond D. Kelly - Res'd 3/8/75

PERMANENT FULL TIME PATROLMEN

David E. Chambers
Richard D. Smith
Roland L. Spinney
James P. Flynn, Jr.

SERGEANT OF POLICEWOMEN & CLERK

M. Lucille Gamelin

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Glen D. Belinsky
Edward A. Cardone, Jr.
Richard G. Noone
Brian W. Peavey
David N. Sharkey
Edward Syvinski

POLICE DISPATCHERS

Bruce M. Winthrop

MATRONS & CROSSING GUARDS

Rachel L. Adams - Special
Gail E. Chambers
Judy A. Willneff - Matron & Clerk

CROSSING GUARDS

Mary-Jane Olive Winter
Nancy Roberts
Margaret M. Gynan
Joyce E. Nevins
Leslie J. Walker

HONORARY POLICE CHIEFS

Alexander M. Sullivan

Maurice Carey

HONORARY POLICE OFFICERS

Fred A. Smith

Dr. Harry Blotner

George R. Buzzell

Frank Danforth

Thomas Chaff

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS

Harold J. Hume

David Stewart

Richard J. Powers, Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Richard J. Powers

GAS INSPECTOR

James H. Gleason

WIRING INSPECTOR

Roy E. Deiser

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Robert S. Michel

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Parker McLaren

Albert W. Lord

Edward Sargent

DOG OFFICER

William F. Roberts

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

John Gilchrist

FENCE VIEWERS

William T. Willneff

Walter Perkins

HEALTH NURSE

Charlotte E. Stepanian

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Gaetano T. Caruso

INSPECTOR OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Frederick Key

INSPECTOR OF MILK AND ANIMALS

George L. Pittman

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

George T. MacGown

VETERANS' SERVICE AND GRAVE OFFICER
VETERANS' AGENT AND BURIAL AGENT

Harrison DeLong

BROX BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Forrest L. Bishop, Ch.
Everett L. Cossar, Clerk
H. Francis Drenth

Richard Herbert
Ronald Shaw
Richard Powers

Donald J. Montigny

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Evelyn Calnan, Ch.
Dr. Frederick Sweetsir
Jeffrey Hoyt
Dorothy Condon
Charlotte McCarron
Harold Waterhouse
Kenneth Fowle

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ronald Shaw, Ch.
Parker McLaren
Wallace Blanchard
Walter Perkins
Nathan Tufts
Karen Zacharis
Henry D. Lay
Beverly Allen, Res'd 12/74

MERRIMAC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

James S. Smith
Kenneth G. Gowle
Robert McCarthy
Charles E. Billups
George U. Curry
Peter F. Smiles

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Nancy Perkins, Ch.
Nathan Tufts
Ellsworth D. Commins, Jr.
Karen Ehrig
Merrill B. Smith, Sr.
Norman A. Sande, Res'd 9/16/74
Geraldine Wallace, Res'd 9/23/74

STUDY COMMITTEE FOR CHANGE IN TOWN GOVERNMENT

Claire McCarthy
Lucien Villeneuve
Bruce Evans
George Sacarob

STUDY COMMITTEE FOR A DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Warren Hoyt, Ch.
Charles Billups, Sec.
Eleanor Hope
Henry D. Lay
Bruce Behan
James Whipple
John Buzzell

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Wallace Blanchard
Bevery Allen
Frank Sowick
John Gilchrist
Karen Zacharis

COUNCIL ON AGING

Karen Zacharis, Ch.
Inez L. Lund
Evelyn B. Merrill
Nancy C. MacGregor
Corrado Pirretta
Carole Sokolowski
Charlotte E. Stepanian
William H. Whiting

Philip E. Kimbrell, Res'd 1/15/75
Doris I. Dwinnells, Res'd 1/13/75

VOTE FOR OFFICERS ANNUAL ELECTION
May 13, 1974

Moderator	
Robert L. Eckert	406
Blanks	80
Town Clerk	
Dorothy A. Cloyd	444
Blanks	56
Selectman, for three years	
George J. P. Stevens	454
Blanks	49
Board of Health, for three years	
Arthur W. Hoyt	443
Blanks	61
Assessor, for three years	
Edmond L. Hamel	211
Blanks	113
Assessor, two years to fill vacancy	
Walter D. Calnan	369
Blanks	99
Treasurer, one year	
Roy C. Journeay	401
Blanks	100
School Committee, for three years	
Francis G. Ronan	386
Joseph R. Burke	326
Blanks	287
Trustee of Cemeteries, three years	
Merrill B. Smith, Sr.	448
Blanks	56
Library Trustee, three years	
Charlotte P. Gulezian	400
E. Elizabeth Pittman	390
Blanks	218
Library Trustee, one year to fill vacancy	
Eleanor S. Hope	397
Blanks	105

Trustee of Kimball Park, three years	
Allan Wilson	25
Blanks	479
Light Commissioner, three years	
Wilbur E. Wallace	408
Blanks	95
Water Commissioner, three years	
Wilbur E. Wallace	409
Blanks	94
Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Wood & Bark	
Wallace Spencer	5
Edgar D. Sargent	3
Robert Sargent	3
Blanks	493
Constables, three years	
Brian W. Peavey	400
Forrest Lavalley	14
Maurice Carey	9
Blanks	81
Playground Commission, five years	
Leon B. Smith	413
Blanks	90
Planning Board, five years	
Rosalind G. Tufts	370
Blanks	129

JURY LIST

The following Jury List for the calendar year beginning July 1, 1974 has been prepared by the BOARD OF SELECTMEN in compliance with Chapter 234, Sect. 4, of the General Laws and adopted March 11, 1974.

ANDERSON, Howard E., Jr., Harriman Road	Western Electric
ARBOUR, Harold R., 41 School St.	Bus Driver
BEDARD, George E., 24 Orchard Street	Western Electric
BEHAN, Bruce, 2 Middle Street	Data Proc. Mgt.
BUCKLEY, George D., 17 Emery Street	Western Electric
BUMKER, Lloyd E., Highland Road	Buffer
CLARK, Joyce M., 112 River Road	Western Electric
CONNOR, Bernard H., 61 Church Street	Manager
COSSAR, Everett L., 16 Middle Road	Draftsman
FERRARI, Raymond F., 55 West Main Street	New England Power
FLYNN, John E., 10 Maple Street	Supervisor
GOODWIN, David, 92 River Road	Banker
GRAVES, Letitia A., Birch Meadow Rd.	Western Electric
HANDERSON, Marjorie L., 98 East Main Street	At Home
HARGRAVES, Velma A., 5 Winter Street	At Home
HARRINGTON, Edna G., 107 East Main Street	Cafeteria Worker
HARRINGTON, Mildred F., 42 Mill Street	At Home
HIGH, Mary E., 76 River Road	At Home
KANE, Daniel R., 37 Bear Hill Road	IRS
MAHONEY, George F., Merrimac Terrace	Self-Emp.
McCARTHY, Clare A., Harriman Road	At Home
MELANSON, William J., West Shore Road	General Electric
OLSON, Dorothy E., 57 West Main Street	At Home
ROSE, H. Jean, Highland Road	At Home
SACAROB, Lillian, 6 Greenleaf Drive	At Home
SEPPA, Rita H., Lake Attitash	Western Electric
SHAW, Ronald K., 95 River Road	Sales Mgr.
SIBLEY, Clayton H., 18 High Street	Civil Eng.
SMILES, Barbara C., 30 River Road	At Home
SMITH, Leon B., Orchard Street	General Electric
STEWART, John E., 6 Vale Street	Western Electric
SUTCLIFFE, Warren, Birch Meadow Road	Retired
TAYLOR, Norman P., Bear Hill Road	Merrimac Elec.
TREFETHEN, Margaret A., 4 Middle Road	At Home
TURGEON, Walter, Jr., Green Street	Western Electric

MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency Fire Alarm Telephone Number 6-8111

Emergency Phone 6-8111 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason the line is out of order, please dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

IN ALL CASES GIVE YOUR NAME AND EXACT LOCATION OF FIRE

3 - 3	Chief's Call
4	Fire Station
5	Merrimac Square
12	Locust Street, corner of Green Street
13	Main Street, opposite Forest Street
14	Main Street, near residence of Carl Olson
15	Birch Meadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac line
16	Woodland and Grove Street
17	School and Pleasant Streets
18	School and Mill Streets
21	East Main Street, opposite Skip's Snack Bar
23	56 East Main Street
24	Church Street, opposite Maple Street
25	Church and Mechanic Streets
26	Summer and Prospect Streets
27	Church Street, near residence of Richard Powers
28	Sawyer and Nichols Streets
31	Pleasant Street, Merrimacport
32	Merrimac Street, near Middle Road
34	Merrimac Street, Merrimacport
35	22 High St., Merrimacport
36	Merrimac and Broad Streets, Merrimacport
41	Lower East Main Street, Lake Attitash entrance
42	Lake Attitash Park at Fern Avenue
43	Emery Street at Burnside
51	Locust and Wainut Streets
52	Lower Locust Street, to Merrimac-Haverhill line
62	Birch Meadow Rd. and Hadley District - Telephone - No Box
71	Bear Hill Rd., to Newton, N.H. line - Telephone - No Box
72	West Shore, Lake Attitash, - Telephone - No Box
74	Dance Hall, Lake Attitash - Telephone - No Box
112	Nativity Church, Green Street
132	Helen R. Donaghue School - Union Street
133	Teloka - Union Street
142	Northeast National Bank
171	Housing for Elderly
227	Harriman and Highland Roads
271	Red Oak School - Church Street
272	Harriman Road

516	Oak Circle - Telephone - No Box
524	Second and Cross Streets, Amesbury - Telephone - No Box
2	Recall - All Out - Also All Clear Air Raid
2	10 times - Disaster Call Civil Defense

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 a.m. 11 - 11 - 11 - NO SCHOOL ALL DAY

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I hereby submit the following report of the Accountant's department, first expressing my appreciation for the cooperation and courteous assistance rendered by you and all other Town Officials in complying with the requirements of our system. I also wish to thank the Department of Corporations and Taxation, Bureau of Accounts for the advice and courtesy they have extended to me during the year. The new fiscal year change necessitates the need for two separate financial reports, one for the preceding year, and the expenditures for the current fiscal year, and estimates of amounts to be expended during the last six months of the current fiscal year.

RECEIPTS

For the 18 month preceding fiscal year 1973 – 6/30/74

TAXES:		
Preceding Fiscal Year:		
Personal	38,915.12	
Real Estate	1,268,165.16	
Previous Years:		
Personal	1,884.12	
Real Estate	48,328.23	
Tax Title Redemptions	7,656.08	
Tax Possessions	4,054.24	
State Tax Basis	3,802.68	
Total Taxes		1,372,805.63
LICENSES & PERMITS:		
Liquor Licenses	2,650.00	
Trailer Park Fees	15,858.00	
Building Permits	650.00	
Gas Permits	411.00	
Wiring Permits	747.25	
Plumbing Permits	540.00	
Sewerage Permits	4,165.00	
Filing Fee	25.00	
All Other	793.70	
Total Licenses & Permits		25,839.95
FINES & FORFEITS:		
Court Fines	794.00	
Town Clerk - Dog Licenses	1,173.10	
Total Fines & Forfeits		1,967.10

PRIVILEGES:		
Excise 1974	36,795.09	
Excise 1973	86,381.98	
Excise 1972	60,515.94	
Excise 1971	1,737.05	
Excise 1970	102.30	
Excise 1968	11.00	
Excise 1967	42.90	
Excise 1966	13.20	
Total Excises		185,599.46
FARM ANIMAL EXCISES:		
1974	3.00	
1973	414.60	
1972	31.00	
1971	102.25	
Total F.A. Excises		550.85
INTERESTS:		
1974	2,153.32	
1973	425.99	
1972	2,530.40	
1971	2,200.70	
1970	12.33	
1968	1.87	
1967	10.29	
1966	2.11	
Adv. Costs & Added Int.	1,415.42	
Recording & Releases	131.50	
Total Interests Etc.		8,883.93
Total General Government		1,595,646.92

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Office Rental	368.00	
Lease of Town Land	250.00	
Sale of Town Land	750.00	
Total General Government		1,368.00
PROTECTION OF PERSON & PROPERTY:		
Gun Permits	1,185.00	
I.D. Cards	152.00	
Bicycle Plates	48.50	
Police Revolving Fund	10,977.33	
Total Protection		12,362.83

HEALTH:		
Milk & Oleo Inspections	30.00	
Nurse Fees	490.50	
Ambulance Service	98.50	
Total Health		619.00
HIGHWAYS:		
Ch. 90 Maintenance	500.00	
Ch. 81	9,127.00	
Ch. 90 Const. County	515.98	
Road Machinery	4,190.60	
Garage Rental	300.00	
Total Highway		14,633.58
VETERANS' BENEFITS:		
State	5,278.83	
Total Veterans' Benefits		5,278.83
SCHOOLS:		
Lunch Program - State	36,725.10	
Lunch Program - Town	36,756.16	
Ch. 71 - Ed. Trans.	90,706.82	
Ch. 74 - Tuition & Trans.	26,963.00	
Ch. 70	769,612.34	
Ch. 645	34,286.83	
Individual Tuition	180.00	
Sale of Equipment	150.00	
P.L. 874	147.00	
P.L. Title I	28,129.00	
P.L. Title 2	4,372.36	
Ch. 812 - 1971 Census	821.00	
Total Schools		1,028,849.61
LIBRARY:		
Fines	683.81	
State Aid	3,183.76	
Cty. Dog Refund	513.76	
Int. T. Hoyt Trust Fund	802.73	
Albert Wadleigh Award	100.00	
Trust Fund Withdrawals	13,168.76	
Total Library		18,452.82
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Light Dept. - Sale of Light	415,461.65	
Sale of General Service	173,183.26	
Sale of Misc.	8,595.91	
Sales Tax	99.48	
Consumer Deposits	3,550.00	
Total Light		600,890.30

WATER DEPT:		
Water Rates	123,792.93	
Water Misc.	3,560.96	
Water Meter Rental	3,589.25	
Total Water		130,943.14
WATER LIENS:		
1973	716.05	
1972	60.75	
1971	27.00	
Total Water Liens		803.80
CEMETERIES:		
Perpetual Care Funds	4,100.00	
Annual Care	760.00	
Sale of Lots	1,400.00	
Openings etc.	4,260.69	
Interest Trust Funds	7,819.99	
Interest H. Robinson Lot	118.14	
Total Cemeteries		18,458.82
Total Commercial Revenue		1,832,660.73

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Indian Head Park Fees	380.00	
Revenue Loans	880,000.00	
Brox Bldg. Serial Loan	65,000.00	
Water Bond Note	497,243.53	
Certificates of Deposit	1,173,274.00	
Interest - General Cash	5,905.83	
Interest - Stabilization Fund	762.50	
Interest - Consumer Deposit	410.40	
Interest - Water Meter Fund	1,086.15	
Interest - Conservation Fund	360.94	
Interest - C. D's.	12,139.00	
Withdrawals-Stabilization Fund	24,893.74	
Withdrawals-Kimball Park	300.00	
Withdrawals-Light Dep. Fund	33,084.50	
Local Aid Lottery	23,147.75	
Reserve Machinery Account	1,891.50	
Highway Fund Receipts	5,817.71	
Chapter 1140	49,097.00	
School Refunds	44,121.47	
Various Refunds	4,568.15	
Group Ins. Receipts	3,023.93	
Federal Withholding Tax	66,544.27	
State Withholding Tax	20,296.49	
Total Misc. Receipts		2,913,348.86

Total General, Commercial and Miscellaneous Receipts	6,341,656.51
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1973	263,318.57
	6,604,975.08

SPECIAL CASH REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

U.S. Treasury	122,390.00	
Interest Rev. Sharing Funds	5,401.66	
Certificates of Deposit	161,197.18	
Total Receipts		288,988.84
Special Cash Bal. Jan. 1, 1973		27,282.00
		316,270.84

EXPENDITURES
For The Fiscal Year 1973 – June 30, 1974

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MODERATOR:		
Salary	18.00	
		18.00
SELECTMEN:		
Salaries	2,697.84	
Clerical Assistance	3,323.97	
Admx. Expense	429.85	
Printing & Postage	233.10	
All Other	1,084.55	
		7,769.31
ACCOUNTANT:		
Salary	10,902.40	
Expense	150.00	
Clerical Assistance	650.00	
		11,702.40
TREASURER:		
Salary	1,800.00	
Clerical Assistance	600.00	
Printing & Postage	270.27	
Data Processing	1,503.38	
Tax Title Foreclosures	1,629.59	
All Other	1,465.01	
		7,268.25

TAX COLLECTOR:		
Salary	3,749.94	
Clerical Assistance	626.35	
Printing & Postage	1,263.29	
All Other	2,092.76	
		7,732.34
ASSESSORS:		
Salaries	2,700.00	
Clerical Assistance	5,490.04	
Admx. Expense	277.86	
Printing & Postage	339.45	
Survey	815.00	
All Other	2,691.37	
		12,313.72
FINANCE BOARD:		
Printing & Postage	585.80	
All Other	485.00	
		1,070.80
PLANNING BOARD:		
Expenses	160.12	
		160.12
LEGAL COUNSEL:		
Salary	2,500.00	
Legal Expense	3,335.02	
		5,835.02
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary	1,499.94	
Printing & Postage	691.24	
All Other	64.97	
		2,256.15
ELECTION OFFICERS:		
Wages	731.10	
Expense	48.00	
		779.10
REGISTRARS:		
Salaries	450.00	
Census Taker	800.00	
Expense	515.25	
		1,765.25
BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE:	248.09	
		248.09

BONDING TOWN OFFICERS:	1,350.00	
		1,350.00
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE:		
Janitor Salary	1,260.00	
Fuel	3,394.37	
Repairs	1,556.42	
Telephone	613.58	
Janitor Supplies	166.88	
All Other	765.45	
		7,756.70
Total General Government		68,025.25

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

POLICE:		
Salary - Chief	20,238.90	
Clerk - Sergeant	6,835.10	
Patrolmen	60,637.48	
Specials	13,939.21	
Cruiser Expense	10,259.21	
Office Expense	1,623.51	
Radio Expenses	2,711.70	
Telephone	2,142.25	
Uniforms	2,036.00	
All Other	2,490.81	
Special Purchase Fund	200.00	
Special Revolving Fund	10,825.98	
		133,940.59
FIRE:		
Salaries - Engineers	1,800.00	
Wages - Firemen	11,216.66	
Forest Fire Wardens	300.00	
Fire Alarms	888.50	
Fuel	1,351.95	
Telephone	809.69	
Gas, Oil, Etc.	455.65	
Equipment & Repairs	1,004.42	
Maintenance & Supplies	905.25	
Used Truck	800.00	
All Other	245.22	
		19,777.34
GAS INSPECTOR:		
Salary	524.88	
Expense	188.12	
		713.00

WIRING INSPECTOR:		
Salary	524.88	
Expense	75.00	
		599.88
BUILDING INSPECTOR SALARY:	450.00	
		450.00
OIL BURNER INSPECTOR:		
Salary	225.00	
Expense	75.00	
		300.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:	500.00	
		500.00
DOG OFFICER:		
Salary	450.00	
Expense	958.00	
		1,408.00
TREE WARDEN:		
Salary	450.00	
Wages	1,444.50	
Truck Hire	3,742.00	
Repairs & Equipment	998.63	
Insecticides	673.13	
Gas & Oil	63.72	
All Other	1,019.71	
		8,391.69
MOTH DEPARTMENT:		
Labor	820.00	
Gas & Oil	12.40	
Insecticides	737.28	
All Other	41.85	
		1,611.53
DUTCH ELM:		
Labor	412.00	
Equipment & Repairs	610.97	
Tree Service	1,522.00	
All Other	411.15	
		2,956.12
STUMP REMOVAL:	1,413.50	
		1,413.50

NEW TREES:	671.00	
		671.00
CIVIL DEFENSE:	248.57	
		248.57
Total Protection		172,981.22

HEALTH AND SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Admx. Expense	52.75	
Clerical Expense	402.64	
Animal Burials	206.00	
Medical Supplies	128.77	
All Other	76.32	
		866.48
SEWERAGE INSPECTOR:	1,239.00	
		1,239.00
VITAL STATISTICS:	360.00	
		360.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR:		
Salary	150.00	
Expense	15.00	
		165.00
MILK INSPECTOR:		
Salary	40.00	
Expense	15.00	
		55.00
HEALTH NURSE:		
Salary	2,700.00	
Expense	124.38	
		2,824.38
DUMP MAINTENANCE:		
Salary	8,072.09	
Wages	4,300.91	
Gravel, Fill, Etc.	9,533.35	
Truck Hire, Bulldozer	8,769.50	
Equipment & Repairs	1,429.80	
Fuel	225.70	
Gas & Oil	379.30	
Telephone	161.96	
Asphalt	1,826.81	

All Other	1,571.38	
		36,270.80
PURCHASE BULLDOZER	13,478.00	
		13,478.00
PURCHASE WOODCHIPPER	4,000.89	
		4,000.89
Total Health & Sanitation		59,259.55

HIGHWAYS

ROAD MACHINERY:		
Repairs	3,400.06	
Gas & Oil	2,546.60	
Supply	2,224.76	
Fuel	235.28	
All Other	26.41	
		8,433.11
THICKLY SETTLED:		
Salary	2,293.55	
Wages	4,334.50	
Shed Rental	140.00	
Loader, Trucks, Etc.	192.50	
Salt, Gravel, Etc.	67.80	
Repairs	1,184.88	
Supply	3,903.17	
Patch	528.08	
Gas & Oil	330.26	
Telephone	117.40	
All Other	333.76	
		13,425.90
SIDEWALKS, RAILS & BRIDGES:		
Salary	93.50	
Wages	227.97	
Repairs	1,673.52	
Supply	297.60	
Gas & Oil	211.81	
Telephone	30.22	
Patch	600.37	
Bulldozer	122.00	
All Other	138.36	
		3,395.35
SNOW & WASHOUTS:		
Salary	5,196.67	

Wages	14,837.31	
Loader, Plowing, Etc.	1,130.62	
Salt, Sand, Etc.	17,952.26	
Patch	225.75	
Equipment & Repairs	3,348.12	
Fuel	2,922.47	
Gas & Oil	1,426.17	
Telephone	147.96	
Shed Rental	280.00	
All Other	2,532.67	
		50,000.00
RESURFACE CERTAIN ROADS:		
Wages	125.63	
Asphalt	1,333.32	
Supply & Repairs	539.57	
		1,998.52
CHAPTER 81:		
Salary	4,563.49	
Wages	12,865.12	
Sand, Gravel	576.80	
Equipment & Repairs	747.81	
Supply	1,785.94	
Patch	2,543.89	
All Other	258.87	
		23,341.92
CH. 90 CONST. 1971:		
Salary	646.08	
Wages	1,302.03	
Sand	56.00	
Repairs	659.68	
Patch	715.19	
All Other	221.19	
		3,600.17
CH. 90 CONST. 1972:		
Salary	348.50	
Wages	801.72	
		1,150.22
CH. 90 CONST. 1973:		
Salary	1,037.00	
Wages	2,636.19	
Sand	1,635.60	
Asphalt	6,100.24	
Supply	689.27	
Signs	114.28	
		12,212.58

CH. 90 MAINTENANCE:		
Salary	924.85	
Wages	1,682.79	
Supply	657.45	
Signs	267.75	
Patch	16.50	
All Other	200.00	
		3,749.34
REPAIRS TO PRIVATE WAYS:		
Salary	42.34	
Wages	118.00	
Truck Hire, Grader, Etc.	662.50	
Sand, Etc.	112.00	
Asphalt	2,240.49	
Repairs & Supply	566.48	
		3,741.81
PURCHASE CARRY-ALL TRAILER	2,487.00	
		2,487.00
PURCHASE USED PICK-UP TRUCK	475.00	
		475.00
Total Highways		128,010.92

VETERANS' BENEFITS

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER:		
Salary	1,423.92	
Expense	475.00	
Care of Graves	186.00	
Veterans Ordinary Allowances	10,895.45	
Medical Allowances	2,216.66	
Dental Allowances	201.00	
Food Allowances	514.97	
Veterans Clerk	1,138.88	
Total Veterans		17,051.88

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL LUNCH T.A.	6,964.62	
		6,964.62
SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING:		
Salaries & Wages	21,426.85	

Food	48,458.10	
All Other	7,199.77	
		77,084.72
SCHOOL:		
Salaries & Wages	734,768.81	
Admx. Ex.	1,046.18	
Committee Ex.	2,787.89	
Office Supplies	1,339.69	
General Supplies	13,634.30	
Health Clinic	1,004.04	
Transportation	56,245.69	
Educational T.V.	776.25	
Text Books	13,336.78	
Special Tuition	1,908.89	
Fuel	19,303.36	
Telephone	3,474.05	
School Census	300.00	
Maintenance & Supply	23,543.29	
		873,469.22
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	14,583.55	
		14,583.55
TITLE I	15,928.00	
		15,928.00
TITLE 2	3,850.26	
		3,850.26
P.L. 874	3,262.97	
		3,262.97
RED OAK BUILDING EX.	800.00	
		800.00
PENTUCKET REG. ASSESSMENT	1,071,345.79	
		1,071,345.79
WHITTIER VO-TECH. ASSESS.	248,429.35	
		248,429.35
Total All Schools		2,315,718.48

LIBRARY

Salaries	11,813.10
Wages	9,902.01
Telephone	208.35

Fuel	1,170.91	
Books	7,201.68	
Maintenance & Repairs	585.82	
Supply	1,040.04	
All Other	294.61	
		32,216.52
ALBERT WADLEIGH AWARD	100.00	
		100.00
TRUST FUNDS:		
Salaries & Wages	1,440.76	
Repairs	11,975.05	
Books & Supply	767.99	
All Other	56.20	
		14,240.00
Total Library		46,556.52

RECREATION

PLAYGROUND:		
Wages	1,746.25	
Supervised Play Wages	1,380.00	
Repairs	1,441.75	
Supply	732.41	
All Other	944.37	
		6,244.78
INDIAN HEAD PARK EXPENSE	200.70	
		200.70
CHRISTMAS PARADE	300.00	
		300.00
KIMBALL PARK EXPENSE	111.31	
		111.31
Total Recreation		6,856.79

UNCLASSIFIED

INSURANCE:		
Workmen's Compensation	8,731.19	
Accident	7,391.24	
Fleet	6,756.45	
Schedule	2,968.28	
Liability	3,082.58	
Commercial Tax Property	389.00	
		29,318.74

GROUP INSURANCE	15,759.30	
		15,759.30
Printing Town Reports	3,149.50	
Ambulance Service	688.30	
Memorial Day	591.80	
Merr. Valley Planning Comm.	636.75	
Rental American Leg. Quarters	500.00	
Conservation Commission	350.00	
Merrimac Square Beautification	1,000.00	
Town Gardens Beautification Comm.	600.00	
Light in Town Buildings	19,325.23	
Water in Town Buildings	1,609.60	
Street Lighting	18,567.57	
Numbering Houses & Lots	185.14	
		47,203.89
Total Unclassified		92,281.93

PENSIONS

Essex County Retirement Fund	39,256.00	
Pension Bill	878.70	
		40,134.70
Total Pensions		40,134.70

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

LIGHT DEPARTMENT:		
Salaries & Wages	91,081.32	
Consumer Deposit & Interest	3,785.49	
Insurance	4,076.21	
Backhoe Hire	551.32	
Office Rent	368.00	
Material & Supply	441,986.72	
Depreciation Fund Deposit	30,995.35	
		572,844.41
WATER DEPARTMENT:		
Salaries & Wages	32,577.54	
Backhoe Hire	1,158.42	
Material & Supply	38,485.06	
Revolving Machinery Fund	977.50	
Revolving Police Fund	175.63	
		73,374.15
Purchase Power Mo	2,413.00	
Water Mains Rt. 110	3,200.85	

Water Mains – Private Property	1,506.00	
Electric Work at Pump. Sta.	1,000.00	
Repair Roof at Pump. Sta.	250.00	
New Wells	233,187.68	
		241,557.53
Light Comm. Salary	450.00	
Water Comm. Salary	450.00	
		900.00
Total Public Service		888,676.09

CEMETERIES

CEMETERIES:		
Salaries & Wages	10,826.44	
Gas & Oil	415.70	
Repairs	552.84	
Equipment & Supply	1,378.51	
Gravel & Loam	1,430.30	
Bulldozer & Backhoe Hire	993.50	
All Other	127.71	
		15,725.00
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS:		
Salary & Wages	6,056.11	
Loam, Seed, Etc.	367.34	
Gas & Oil	309.38	
Repairs & Supply	1,704.86	
Bulldozer, Etc.	95.00	
All Other	131.09	
		8,663.78
Total Cemeteries		24,388.78

MATURING DEBT & INTEREST

MATURING DEBT:		
Elementary School Addition	10,000.00	
Red Oak School	45,000.00	
Fire Truck	4,000.00	
Water Meters	4,000.00	
Brox Building	25,000.00	
		88,000.00
DEBT INTEREST:		
Elem. School Addition	647.50	
Red Oak School	31,500.00	
Fire Truck	165.60	

Water Meters	520.00	
Brox Building	2,795.00	
		35,628.10
Total Maturing Debt & Interest		123,628.10

OTHER PAYMENTS

Revenue Loan	630,000.00	
Serial Loan	65,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit	1,398,274.00	
Revenue Loan Interest	11,579.37	
Serial Loan Interest	812.14	
Refunds from Taxes	14,945.07	
State Parks & Rec. Areas	9,189.69	
State Assessment System	131.36	
Excise Bills	391.95	
Essex Cty. Mosquito Control	4,226.29	
Essex Cty. Taxes	47,389.84	
State Audit	15.93	
Air Pollution Control	95.89	
Federal Withholding Tax	66,544.27	
State Withholding Tax	20,296.49	
Sales Tax	99.48	
Dog Fees	1,838.15	
Trust Funds in Transit	6,058.97	
Conservation Fund	4,338.00	
Right of Way Easement	1.00	
Cemetery Land Purchase	1,000.00	
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	
Historical Comm. Ex.	1,086.00	
Total Other Payments		2,288,313.89
Total Payments for Fiscal Year 1973 – 6/30/74		6,271,884.10
Cash Balance June 30, 1974		333,090.98
		6,604,975.08

SPECIAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

New Police Cruiser	4,700.00	
New Highway Truck	13,965.52	
Brox Building Renovation	48,634.49	
Certificates of Deposit	161,197.18	
Total Revenue Sharing Payments		228,497.19
Cash Balance June 30, 1974		87,773.65
		316,270.84

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

Preceeding Fiscal Year

January 1, 1973 – June 30, 1974

	Balance Jan. 1, 1973	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Balance 6/30/74	Pay. to 6/30/74
Moderator		18.00				18.00	18.00	
Finance Board Expense		750.00	184.50			934.50	920.80	13.70
Selectmen - Salaries		2,700.00				2,700.00	2,697.84	2.16
Clerk		3,324.00				3,324.00	3,323.97	.03
Expense		1,500.00	300.00			1,800.00	1,747.50	52.50
Accountant - Salary		11,724.00				11,724.00	10,902.40	821.60
Clerk		650.00				650.00	650.00	
Expenses		150.00				150.00	150.00	
Treasurer - Salary		1,800.00				1,800.00	1,800.00	
Clerk		600.00				600.00	600.00	
Expenses		4,700.00	85.00			4,785.00	4,780.18	4.82
Tax Collector - Salary		3,750.00				3,750.00	3,749.94	.06
Clerk		700.00				700.00	700.00	
Expense		3,400.00			43.80	3,443.80	3,370.47	73.33
Assessors - Salary		2,700.00				2,700.00	2,700.00	
Clerk		5,460.00				5,460.00	5,460.00	
Expense		4,410.00				4,410.00	4,153.72	256.28
Legal Suits & Expense - Salary		2,650.00				2,650.00	2,650.00	
Expense		4,500.00				4,500.00	3,335.02	1,164.98
Town Clerk - Salary		1,500.00				1,500.00	1,499.94	.06
Expense		826.75				826.75	756.21	70.54
Registrars - Salary		600.00				600.00	450.00	150.00

Expense	515.25			515.25	515.25	
Census Taker	800.00			800.00	800.00	
Election Officers - Wages	552.00	208.00		760.00	731.10	28.90
Expense	46.00	2.00		48.00	48.00	
Planning Board Expense	800.00			800.00	160.12	639.88
Appeals Board Expense	400.00		19.18	419.18	248.09	171.09
Bonding Town Officers	1,256.00	94.00		1,350.00	1,350.00	
Town Hall - Janitor Salary	1,260.00			1,260.00	1,260.00	
Maintenance	6,550.00			6,550.00	6,496.70	53.30
Numbering Houses & Lots	500.00			500.00	185.14	314.86
Police - Salary & Wages	104,275.00			104,275.00	101,885.62	2,389.38
Expenses	19,275.00	639.62	1,114.37	21,028.99	21,028.99	
Fire - Engineers Salary	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,800.00	
Wages	8,700.00	500.00		9,200.00	9,200.00	
Expense	7,775.00			7,775.00	7,677.34	97.66
Forest Fire Wardens	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Gas Inspector - Salary	525.00			525.00	525.00	
Expense	168.00	20.00		188.00	188.00	
Wiring Inspector - Salary	525.00			525.00	524.88	.12
Expense	75.00			75.00	75.00	
Building Inspector - Salary	450.00			450.00	450.00	
Oil Burner Inspector - Salary	225.00			225.00	225.00	
Expense	75.00			75.00	75.00	
Town Forest	75.00			75.00		75.00
Tree Warden - Salary	450.00			450.00	450.00	
Expense	3,750.00	3,714.57	477.12	7,941.69	7,941.69	
Moth Dept.	1,650.00			1,650.00	1,611.53	38.47
Dutch Elm	3,000.00			3,000.00	2,956.12	43.88
New Trees	750.00			750.00	671.00	79.00
Stump Removal	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,413.50	86.50
Dog Officer - Salary	450.00			450.00	450.00	
Expense	975.00			975.00	958.00	17.00

	Balance Jan. 1, 1973	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Balance 6/30/74	Pay. to 6/30/74
Civil Defense Expense	446.96					446.96	248.57	198.39
Board of Health		2,400.00				2,400.00	1,278.98	1,121.02
Health Nurse - Salary		3,000.00				3,000.00	2,700.00	300.00
Expense		300.00				300.00	124.38	175.62
Plumbing Inspector - Salary		450.00				450.00	400.00	50.00
Sewerage Inspector - Salary		450.00		350.00		100.00	100.00	
Expense		2,000.00	350.00			2,350.00	826.50	1,523.50
Vital Statistics		360.00				360.00	360.00	
Animal Inspector - Salary		150.00				150.00	150.00	
Expense		15.00				15.00	15.00	
Milk Inspector - Salary		40.00				40.00	40.00	
Expense		15.00				15.00	15.00	
Purchase Bulldozer			24,500.00	11,000.00		13,500.00	13,478.00	22.00
Purchase Woodchipper			4,600.00			4,600.00	4,000.89	599.11
Purchase Carryall Trailer			2,500.00			2,500.00	2,487.00	13.00
Hire Professional Engineer		1,100.00	3,900.00			5,000.00		5,000.00
Dump Maintenance - Salary		8,306.27				8,306.27	8,072.09	234.18
Expense		32,250.00				32,250.00	28,198.71	4,051.29
Highways - Thickly Settled		13,500.00				13,500.00	13,493.40	6.60
Road Machinery		4,950.00	3,142.95		296.90	8,389.85	8,365.61	24.24
Chapter 81		9,750.00	13,612.50			23,362.50	23,341.92	20.58
Ch. 90 Const. 1971	13,936.06		10,000.00	10,000.00		13,936.06	3,600.17	10,335.89
Ch. 90 Const. 1972	16,000.00					16,000.00	1,150.22	14,849.78
Ch. 90 Const. 1973		6,000.00	18,000.00	6,000.00		18,000.00	12,212.58	5,787.42
Ch. 90 Maintenance		3,000.00	750.00			3,750.00	3,749.34	.66
Snow & Washouts		50,000.00				50,000.00	50,000.00	
Sidewalks, Rails & Bridges		3,000.00			398.70	3,398.70	3,395.35	3.35
Repairs on Private Ways		3,750.00				3,750.00	3,741.81	8.19

Resurface Certain Roads		2,000.00				2,000.00	1,998.52	1.48
Oiling Roads			10,000.00	10,000.00				
Street Lights		13,547.00	5,020.57			18,567.57	18,567.57	
Veterans Service Officer - Salary		1,424.00				1,424.00	1,423.92	.08
Expense		475.00				475.00	475.00	
Care of Graves		188.00				188.00	186.00	2.00
Veterans Benefits	4,524.14	19,139.00				23,663.14	14,966.96	8,696.18
School		880,278.00		5,483.55	85.72	874,880.17	873,469.22	1,410.95
Vocational School		9,100.00	5,483.55			14,583.55	14,583.55	
School Lunch T.A.		6,890.00	74.62			6,964.62	6,964.62	
Pentucket Reg. Assessment		1,071,345.79				1,071,345.79	1,071,345.79	
Whittier Vo-Tech. Assessment	39,818.38	204,555.00			43,874.35	288,247.73	248,429.35	39,818.38
Library - Salary & Wages		22,439.00				22,439.00	22,439.00	
Expenses		6,080.00			3,697.52	9,777.52	9,777.52	
Playground		5,075.00				5,075.00	4,864.78	210.22
Supervised Play		1,380.00				1,380.00	1,380.00	
Indian Head Park		225.00				225.00	200.70	24.30
Insurance		28,889.02			850.00	29,739.02	29,318.74	420.28
Group Insurance		14,400.00			3,069.50	17,469.50	15,759.30	1,710.20
Interest - Maturing Debt		32,833.10	2,795.00			35,628.10	35,628.10	
T.A.N.		10,500.00	2,703.65	812.14		12,391.51	12,391.51	
Tax Title Property - Repairs & Exp.		75.00				75.00		75.00
Ambulance Service		300.00	388.40			688.40	688.30	.10
Industrial Development Commission	1,219.15					1,219.15		1,219.15
Cost of State & Federal Grants	1,000.00					1,000.00		1,000.00
Tax Title Possessions	140.00					140.00		140.00
Christmas Parade		450.00				450.00	300.00	150.00
Memorial Day		900.00				900.00	591.80	308.20
Rental American Legion Quarters		1,000.00				1,000.00	500.00	500.00
Brox Building Committee	300.00					300.00		300.00
Conservation Commission Exp.	210.00	375.00				585.00	350.00	235.00
Merrimac Conservation Fund	4,875.00	2,000.00			360.94	7,235.94	4,338.00	2,897.94

	Balance Jan. 1, 1973	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Balance 6/30/74	Pay. to 6/30/74
Printing Town Reports		3,000.00	149.50			3,149.50	3,149.50	
Pension Bill		878.70				878.70	878.70	
Essex County Retirement		39,256.00				39,256.00	39,256.00	
Merrimac Valley Planning Comm.		1,273.50				1,273.50	636.75	636.75
Light in Town Buildings		13,803.00	5,522.23			19,325.23	19,325.23	
Water in Town Buildings		891.00	718.60			1,609.60	1,609.60	
Renovate Town Hall Auditorium		5,000.00				5,000.00		5,000.00
Writing Town History		1,500.00				1,500.00		1,500.00
Historical Commission Expense		1,500.00				1,500.00	1,086.00	414.00
Purchase B & M Railroad Land		8,700.00				8,700.00		8,700.00
Merrimac Square Beautification		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Government Committment		100.00				100.00		100.00
Dept. Public Works Committment		100.00				100.00		100.00
Town Beautification Gardens Comm.		600.00				600.00	600.00	
Right of Way Easement		1.00				1.00	1.00	
Stabilization Fund		5,000.00				5,000.00	5,000.00	
Reserve Fund		25,000.00		23,883.50		1,116.50		1,116.50
Light Commissioners Salary		450.00				450.00	450.00	
Water Commissioners Salary		450.00				450.00	450.00	
Water - Salary & Wages		32,578.00				32,578.00	32,578.00	
Expenses		46,622.00	1,299.15	3.00		47,918.15	40,796.15	7,122.00
Clean Water Mains Rt. 110		4,500.00		1,299.15		3,200.85	3,200.85	
Install Valve at Pumping Station		800.00				800.00		800.00
Repair Roof at Pumping Station		250.00				250.00	250.00	
Flushing Water Mains		4,000.00				4,000.00		4,000.00
Replace 1½" Water Main		1,506.00				1,506.00	1,506.00	
Purchase Power Mo		2,413.00				2,413.00	2,413.00	
Wiring at Pumping Station		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00	

Cemetery Dept.		15,725.00				15,725.00	15,725.00	
Land Purchase		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00	
Maturing Debts: Fire Truck		4,000.00				4,000.00	4,000.00	
Water Meters		4,000.00				4,000.00	4,000.00	
Red Oak School		45,000.00				45,000.00	45,000.00	
Elementary Add.		10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00	
Brox Building		25,000.00				25,000.00	25,000.00	
	82,469.69	3,015,406.38	121,258.41	68,831.34	54,288.10	3,204,591.24	3,065,012.61	139,578.63

OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

Certificates of Deposit					1,173,274.00	1,173,274.00	1,398,274.00	-225,000.00
Revenue Loans					880,000.00	880,000.00	630,000.00	250,000.00
Personal 1973 - 74					95.12	95.12	95.12	
Personal 1972					86.15	86.15	86.15	
Personal 1971					53.20	53.20	53.20	
Personal 1970					47.20	47.20	47.20	
Real 1974					1,535.09	1,535.09	1,535.09	
Real 1973 - 74					5,143.07	5,143.07	5,143.07	
Real 1972					496.77	496.77	496.77	
Real 1971					452.35	452.35	452.35	
Real 1970					400.31	400.31	400.31	
Excise 1974					60.77	60.77	60.77	
Excise 1973 - 74					4,232.96	4,232.96	4,232.96	
Excise 1972					2,314.13	2,314.13	2,314.13	
Excise 1971					13.20	13.20	13.20	
Farm Animal Excise 1973					18.75	18.75	18.75	
State Parks & Reservations	1,226.60			1,226.60	10,533.08	10,533.08	9,189.69	1,343.39
State Assessment System					131.36	131.36	131.36	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills					391.95	391.95	391.95	

	Balance Jan. 1, 1973	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Balance 6/30/74	Pay. to 6/30/74
Essex Cty. Mosquito Control	-287.68				4,568.18	4,280.50	4,226.29	54.21
County Taxes	-1,440.04				45,341.88	43,901.84	47,389.84	-3,488.00
State Audit					15.93	15.93	15.93	
Merr. Valley Air Pollution Control	.63			.63	128.40	128.40	95.89	32.51
Elderly Retiree Program	161.29		161.30	161.29		161.30		161.30
Federal Withholding Tax					66,544.27	66,544.27	66,544.27	
State Withholding Tax					20,296.49	20,296.49	20,296.49	
Consumer Deposits	1,970.00				3,550.00	5,520.00	3,645.00	1,875.00
Sales Tax					99.48	99.48	99.48	
Dog Fees	665.05				1,173.10	1,838.15	1,838.15	
Trust Funds in Transit					6,058.97	6,058.97	6,058.97	
Income Library Trust Funds	1,443.79		13,168.76			14,612.55	14,240.00	372.55
Income Cemetery Trust Funds	970.83				7,819.99	8,790.82	8,663.78	127.04
School Lunch - Revolving Acct.	10,879.72			74.62	73,524.66	84,329.76	77,084.72	7,245.04
Brox Building Renovation Loan					65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	
Special Police Revolving Fund					10,977.33	10,977.33	10,825.98	151.35
Purchase			200.00			200.00	200.00	
Used Pick-up Truck - Fire Dept.			800.00			800.00	800.00	
Used Pick-up Truck - High. Dept.			650.00			650.00	475.00	175.00
School P.L. 874	3,262.97				147.00	3,409.97	3,262.97	147.00
Title II P.L. 89-10	3.59				4,372.36	4,375.95	3,850.26	525.69
Title I P.L. 90-576					15,928.00	15,928.00	15,928.00	
Red Oak School Building	1,390.01			590.01		800.00	800.00	
School Building Comm. Exp.	140.93			140.93				
Albert Wadleigh Award - Library					100.00	100.00	100.00	
Interest Consumer Deposits	906.76				410.40	1,317.16	140.49	1,176.67
Kimball Park	96.71		300.00			396.71	111.31	285.40
Light Dept.	19,441.92			25,000.00	630,325.32	624,767.24	569,058.92	55,708.32

Water Bond & New Wells			3.00		495,023.00	495,026.00	233,187.68	261,838.32
	123,302.77	3,015,406.38	136,541.47	96,025.42	3,584,972.32	6,764,197.52	6,271,888.10	492,309.42

SPECIAL CASH REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

New Police Cruiser		4,700.00				4,700.00	4,700.00	
Brox Building Renovation		48,762.00				48,762.00	48,634.49	127.51
New Highway Truck		15,000.00				15,000.00	13,965.52	1,034.48
Certificates of Deposits					161,197.18	161,197.18	161,197.18	
		68,462.00			161,197.18	229,659.18	228,497.19	1,161.99

August 8, 1974
Final Trial Balance for the Eighteen Month Preceding Fiscal Year
January 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	$333,090.98	Revenue Funds P.L. 92-512	$ 86,611.66
Special Cash Revenue Funds	87,773.65	St. Parks & Reservations	1,343.39
Cash Light Depreciation Fund	78,599.34	Essex Cty. Mosquito Control	54.21
Certificates of Deposit	225,000.00	Air Pollution	32.51
Petty Cash Town Office	10.00	Consumer Deposit	1,875.00
Petty Cash Tax Collector	25.00	Water Meters Funds	12,865.25
Petty Cash Library	10.00	Tailings	230.90
Petty Cash Light & Water	125.00	Income Lib. Trust Funds	372.55
Personal 1974	20,484.45	Income Cemetery Trust Funds	127.04
Personal 1973	2,752.49	School Lunch	7,245.04
Personal 1972	1,277.36	Cemetery Sale of Lots	1,400.00
Personal 1971	19.95	Overlay Surplus	24,197.86
Real 1974	477,451.84	Overlay 1971	19.95
Real 1973	31,199.28	Overlay 1972	2,045.82
Real 1972	7,082.49	Overlay 1973	5,397.50
Excise 1974	38,229.94	Excise Revenue	61,582.72
Excise 1973	10,895.76	Farm Animal Excise Revenue	263.38
Excise 1972	8,553.23	Special Tax Revenue	3,853.89
Excise 1971	3,314.68	Tax Title Revenue	14,932.88
Excise 1970	589.11	Departmental Revenue	2,239.96

Farm Animal Excise 1974	251.88
Farm Animal Excise 1973	4.50
Farm Animal Excise 1972	7.00
Tax Titles	6,985.46
Tax Possessions	7,947.42
Taxes in Litigation	3,853.89
Accounts Receivable Cemetery	1,754.00
Accounts Receivable Vet. Ben.	485.96
Accounts Receivable Light	20,469.73
Accounts Receivable General Ser.	9,912.25
Accounts Receivable Light Misc.	7,873.34
Accounts Receivable Water Rates	5,246.44
Accounts Receivable Water Misc.	424.91
Accounts Receivable Water Meters	252.00
Accounts Receivable Water Liens 1974	81.15
Acc. Rec. St. Aid to Hgwys. Ch. 81	9,127.00
Acc. Rec. St. Aid to Hgwys. Ch. 90 Mt.	500.00
Acc. Rec. St. Aid to Hgwys. Ch. 90 Cst.	22,968.03
Acc. Rec. Cty. Aid to Hgwys. Ch. 90 Cst.	11,484.02
County Taxes	3,488.00

Light Revenue	38,255.32
Water Revenue	6,004.50
St. & Cty. Aid to Hgwy. Revenue	44,079.05
Reserve for Petty Cash	170.00
Revenue Loan	250,000.00
Surplus Revenue	332,511.30
Tax Title Possessions	140.00
Special Police Revolving Fund	151.35
Civil Defense	198.39
Purchase Bulldozer	22.00
Purchase Woodchipper	599.11
Purchase Carry-all Trailer	13.00
Hire Professional Engineer	5,000.00
Highway Ch. 1140 Sec. 22	30,686.00
Highway Ch. 1140 Sec. 20	18,411.00
Ch. 90 Const. 1971	10,335.89
Ch. 90 Const. 1972	14,849.78
Ch. 90 Const. 1973	5,787.42
Revolving Machinery Account	2,300.17
Brox Bldg. Renovation	127.51
New Hgwy. Truck	1,034.48
Veterans Benefits	8,696.18
P.L. 874	147.00
Title 1 Project 74 180 343	12,112.00
P.L. 89 10 Title 1	89.00
P.L. 89 10 Title 2	525.69

		Interest Consumer Deposits	1,176.67
		Industrial Development Comm.	1,219.15
		Cost of St. & Fed. Grants	1,000.00
		Kimball Park	285.40
		Brox Bldg. Commission Exp.	300.00
		Conservation Commission Exp.	235.00
		Conservation Fund	2,897.94
		Ren. Town Hall Auditorium	5,000.00
		Writing Town History	1,500.00
		Historical Commission Exp.	414.00
		Purchase B & M Railroad Land	8,700.00
		Town Government Comm.	100.00
		Dept. Public Works Comm.	100.00
		Light Depreciation Fund	78,599.34
		Light Department	55,708.32
		New Water Wells	261,838.32
		Premium & Int. New Water Wells	2,220.53
		Valve at Pumping Station	800.00
		Flushing Water Mains	4,000.00
		Care, Imp., Emb. Cemeteries	3,874.14
		Care H. Robinson Lot	695.07
	$1,439,601.53		$1,439,601.53

RECEIPTS
For First Six Months of the Current
Fiscal Year – 6/30/74 - 1/1/75

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TAXES:		
Personal	34,880.68	
Real	929,510.93	
Previous Years:		
Personal	1,305.34	
Real	24,449.86	
Tax Title Redemptions	1,964.19	
Tax Possessions	1,200.00	
State Tax Basis	5,664.75	
Total Taxes		998,975.75
LICENSES & PERMITS:		
Trailer Park Fees	5,196.00	
Liquor Licenses	3,750.00	
Building Permits	240.50	
Gas Permits	88.50	
Wiring Permits	215.50	
Plumbing Permits	141.00	
Sewerage Permits	340.00	
Filing Fee	25.00	
All Other	107.00	
Total Licenses & Permits		10,103.50
FINES & FORFEITS:		
Court Fines	170.00	
Dog Licenses	291.05	
Total Fines & Forfeits		461.05
PRIVILEGES:		
Excise 1974	77,258.88	
Excise 1973	15,801.21	
Excise 1972	738.56	
Excise 1971	158.69	
Excise 1970	90.20	
Total Excises		94,047.54
FARM ANIMAL EXCISES:		
1975	356.05	
1974	235.50	
1972	7.00	
Total F.A. Excises		598.55

INTERESTS		
1974	712.15	
1973	1,935.85	
1972	965.76	
1971	13.93	
1970	9.02	
Added Interest etc.	478.84	
Recording & Releases	21.00	
Advertising Costs	75.50	
Total Interests etc.		4,212.05
Total General Government		1,108,398.44

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Office Rental	368.00	
Lease of Town Land	450.00	
Total General Government		818.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:		
Gun Permits	130.00	
I.D. Cards	12.00	
Police Revolving Fund	5,146.96	
Total Protection		5,288.96
HEALTH:		
Milk & Oleo	32.00	
Ambulance Service	216.80	
Total Health		248.80
HIGHWAYS:		
Ch. 90 Maintenance	500.00	
Ch. 90 Const. - State	3,979.76	
Ch. 90 Const. - County	8,879.80	
Ch. 81	9,127.00	
Revolving Mch. Acct.	147.50	
Total Highways		22,634.06
VETERANS BENEFITS:		
State	1,681.09	
Individual	62.15	
Total Veterans		1,743.24
SCHOOLS:		
Lunch Program - State	10,167.97	
Lunch Program - Town	9,457.28	

State Aid Ch. 70	308,935.54	
Ch. 71	111,724.01	
P.L. Title I	5,571.00	
Const. Aid	2,909.00	
Ch. 74	2,044.10	
Total Schools		450,808.90
LIBRARY:		
Fines	193.36	
Interest T. Hoyt Fund	290.22	
Total Library		483.58

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

LIGHT DEPT:		
Sale of Light	166,373.93	
Sale of General Service	62,493.48	
Sale of Misc.	14,566.60	
Sales Tax	37.60	
Consumer Deposits	1,700.00	
Total Light		245,171.61
WATER DEPT:		
Water Rates	51,248.87	
Water Misc.	407.40	
Water Meter Rental	74.00	
Total Water		51,730.27
WATER LIENS:		
1975	184.70	
1974	269.15	
1973	81.15	
Total Water Liens		535.00
CEMETERIES:		
Perpetual Care Funds	1,550.00	
Sale of Lots	800.00	
Openings, etc.	1,748.50	
Interest Trust Funds	2,586.43	
Interest H. Robinson Lot	39.38	
Total Cemeteries		6,724.31
Total Commercial Revenue		786,186.73

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Indian Head Park Fees	462.00	

Local Aid Lottery	24,940.61	
Group Insurance Receipts	689.40	
Various Receipts & Refunds	743.04	
Ch. 407 - Gas Tax	24,051.51	
Withdrawal Stabilization Fund	39,674.00	
Revenue Loans	150,000.00	
Certificates of Deposit	700,000.00	
Water Loan - Stand Pipes	115,000.00	
Interest - General Cash	3,388.25	
Interest - Certif. of Deposit	6,510.44	
Interest - Stabilization Fund	121.54	
Interest - Consumer Deposits	123.89	
Interest - Conservation Fund	105.70	
Interest - Water Meter Fund	309.58	
Interest - Water Loans	296.17	
Total Misc. Receipts		1,066,416.13
Total General, Commercial & Miscellaneous Receipts		2,961,001.30
Cash Balance July 1,1974		333,090.98
		3,294,092.28

SPECIAL CASH REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Federal Treasury	39,297.00	
Interest on Special Funds	2,003.00	
Total Receipts		41,300.00
Special Cash Bal. July 1, 1974		87,773.65
		129,073.65

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN:		
Salaries	900.00	
Clerical Assistance	1,641.00	
Admx. Expense	302.50	
Printing & Postage	56.45	
All Other	244.55	3,144.50
ACCOUNTANT:		
Salary	4,590.00	4,590.00
TREASURER:		
Salary	600.00	
Clerical Assistance	400.00	

Printing & Postage	443.45	
Data Processing	353.52	
All Other	335.70	2,132.67
TAX COLLECTOR:		
Salary	1,249.98	
Clerical Assistance	700.00	
Printing & Postage	761.87	
All Other	262.75	2,974.60
ASSESSORS:		
Salaries	1,499.94	
Clerical Assistance	2,110.86	
Printing & Postage	195.30	
Admx. Expense	82.17	
All Other	406.98	4,295.16
FINANCE BOARD:		
Admx. Expense	45.00	
Printing & Postage	19.00	64.00
LEGAL SUITS & EXPENSE		
Salary	990.00	
Expense	1,367.98	2,357.98
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary	499.98	
Printing & Postage	26.10	
All Other	22.54	548.62
REGISTRARS EXPENSE:	66.90	66.90
ELECTION OFFICERS:		
Wages	451.20	
Expense	43.00	494.20
PLANNING BOARD:		
Admx. Expense	28.14	
All Other	377.27	405.41
APPEALS BOARD EXPENSE:	36.93	36.93
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE:		
Janitor Salary	420.00	
Fuel	610.08	
Telephone	187.56	
Repairs	731.98	
Supplies	191.80	
All Other	455.90	2,597.32
Total General Government		23,708.29

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

POLICE:		
Salaries & Wages	44,706.27	
Cruiser Expense	4,206.96	
Uniforms	1,033.64	
Office Expense	1,254.92	
Communications	2,235.78	
All Other	1,016.38	54,453.95
Special Revolving Fund	5,198.32	5,198.32
FIRE:		
Fuel	91.06	
Telephone	301.53	
New Hose	1,869.69	
Gas & Oil	227.58	
Coats & Boots	213.50	
New Equipment	330.89	
Maint. & Repairs	216.03	
Supply	170.47	
Other	180.90	3,601.65
GAS INSPECTOR:		
Salary	189.00	
Expense	70.00	259.00
WIRING INSPECTOR:		
Salary	174.96	174.96
BUILDING INSPECTOR :		
Salary	150.00	150.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:		
Salary	150.00	150.00
DOG OFFICER:		
Salary	157.50	
Expense	332.00	489.50
TREE WARDEN:		
Salary	150.00	
Wages	3,044.57	
Equipment & Repairs	1,043.45	
Other	143.00	4,381.02
MOTH DEPT:		
Insecticides	962.84	962.84

DUTCH ELM:		
Wages	372.40	
Insecticides	1,555.62	1,928.02
STUMP REMOVAL:		
Wages	905.00	
Stump Removal	595.00	1,500.00
CIVIL DEFENSE:	78.87	78.87
NEW POLICE CRUISER	3,130.82	3,130.82
Total Protection		76,458.95

HEALTH & SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Admx. Expense	27.00	
Medical Expense	25.49	
Animal Burials	38.00	
Other	4.00	94.49
Sewerage Inspector Expense	255.00	255.00
Health Nurse Salary	999.96	999.96
DUMP MAINTENANCE:		
Salary	3,239.18	
Wages	3,162.56	
Gravel, Fill, etc.	180.00	
Truck Hire	3,434.00	
Fuel	55.11	
Repairs	258.45	
Gas & Oil	208.64	
Telephone	52.60	
All Other	74.58	10,665.12
Total Health & Sanitation		12,014.57

HIGHWAYS

ROAD MACHINERY:		
Repairs	2,713.54	
Gas & Oil	1,049.44	
Supply	710.72	4,473.70
THICKLY SETTLED:		
Salary	1,538.13	

Wages	5,094.63	
Bulldozer Hire	313.00	
Sand & Gravel etc.	1,036.03	
Equipment & Repairs	882.85	
Hot Top	5,972.40	
Gas & Oil	224.57	
Supply	3,775.34	
Telephone	61.71	
Other	104.24	19,002.90
SNOW & WASHOUTS:		
Salary	1,621.08	
Wages	4,538.90	
Salt, Sand, etc.	3,546.24	
Equipment & Repairs	236.13	
Supply	567.33	
Gas & Oil	210.11	
Telephone	39.77	10,759.56
CHAPTER 81:		
Hot Top	4,357.38	
Supply	535.71	4,893.09
CHAPTER 90 CONST. 1973:		
Salary	583.02	
Wages	1,881.50	
Sand, Gravel, etc.	216.00	
Curb Stone	1,102.50	
Supply	1,742.85	5,525.87
CHAPTER 90 CONST. 1974:		
Salary	962.22	
Wages	2,897.94	
Hot Top	10,569.19	
Supply	176.00	14,605.35
CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE:		
Salary	218.04	
Wages	649.65	
Sand, Gravel, etc.	623.20	
Hot Top	239.43	
Supply	310.96	
Other	437.50	2,478.78
OILING ROADS:	9,983.40	9,983.40
SIDEWALKS, RAILS & BRIDGES:		
Salary	37.92	
Wages	170.40	

Equipment & Repairs	923.75	
Supply	303.96	1,436.03
WATER WORKS:		
Wages	31.95	
Hot Top	1,032.87	
Grader, etc.	411.00	
Repairs	350.00	1,825.82
PRIVATE WAYS:		
Salary	189.60	
Wages	624.80	
Grader	150.00	
Hot Top	138.46	1,102.86
NEW PICK-UP TRUCK:	4,963.22	4,963.22
Total Highways		81,050.58

VETERANS BENEFITS

VET. SERVICE OFFICER:		
Salary	501.48	
Expense	94.33	
Veterans Ordinary Allowance	3,199.78	
Fuel	42.00	
Food	55.00	
Medical	1,433.11	
Clerk	401.46	5,727.16
Total Veterans		5,727.16

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING:		
Salaries & Wages	3,971.38	
Food	9,242.14	
Other	1,013.66	14,227.18
SCHOOL:		
Salaries & Wages	188,382.98	
Physician	400.00	
Nurse	3,079.79	
Janitors	19,847.69	
Office & Admx. Expense	1,173.74	
Committee Expense	656.00	
General Supplies	3,850.90	
Text Books	7,222.33	
Nurse Expense	176.97	

Reg. & Spec. Transportation	11,807.42	
Library Supplies	220.64	
Janitor Supplies	995.65	
Fuel	1,886.12	
Telephone	628.21	
Bldg. Maintenance, etc.	4,412.66	
Fixed Assets	766.83	245,507.93
Title I - Proj. 75-180-072	3,671.28	3,671.28
Title I - Proj. 74-180-343	12,112.00	12,112.00
Title 2 - Proj. 57	498.24	498.24
Pentucket Reg. Assessment	467,419.32	467,419.32
Whittier Reg. Vo-Tech Assess.	93,416.00	93,416.00
Total Schools		836,851.95

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	4,699.08	
Librarian Assistants-Wages	3,211.20	
Books	2,474.59	
Telephone	70.93	
Fuel	125.01	
Supplies	791.70	
Maintenance & Other	151.38	
Furnishings	406.35	11,930.24
Total Library		11,930.24

RECREATION

PLAYGROUND:		
Wages	536.00	
Supervised Play Wages	1,500.00	
Supplies	65.00	
Other	115.50	2,216.50
Indian Head Park Expense	557.50	557.50
Kimball Park Expense	34.88	34.88
Total Recreation		2,808.88

UNCLASSIFIED

INSURANCE:		
Workmen's Compensation	5,185.00	
Police & Fire	4,841.20	
Fleet	1,796.80	
Schedule	943.45	
Commercial Tax Property	666.00	
Liability	236.00	13,668.45
Group Insurance	4,870.74	4,870.74
Conservation Comm. Expense	146.20	
Merr. Valley Planning Comm.	424.50	
Rental A. L. Quarters	500.00	
Ambulance Service	257.20	
Town Gardens Beautification Comm.	538.30	
Renovating Town Hall Auditorium	4,547.80	6,414.00
Total Unclassified		24,953.19

PENSIONS

Essex County Retirement	29,408.58	29,408.58
Total Pensions		29,408.58

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

LIGHT DEPARTMENT:		
Salaries & Wages	34,347.02	
Consumer Deposits	790.00	
Consumer Deposit Interest	2.70	
Insurance	1,399.24	
Material & Supply	178,384.18	
New Line Truck	39,674.00	254,597.14
WATER DEPARTMENT:		
Salaries & Wages	12,574.20	
Material & Supply	12,658.42	25,232.62
New Wells	259,175.94	259,175.94
Stand Pipes	61,121.62	61,121.62
Light Comm. Salaries	300.00	
Water Comm. Salaries	300.00	600.00
Total Public Service Enterprises		600,727.32

CEMETERIES

Salary & Wages	4,919.75	
Remove Leaves	799.00	
Gas & Oil	229.26	
Repairs	1,272.07	
Supply	108.30	
Other	16.25	7,344.63
Total Cemeteries		7,344.63

MATURING DEBT & INTEREST

MATURING DEBT:		
Red Oak School	40,000.00	
Water Meters	4,000.00	44,000.00
INTEREST:		
Red Oak School	9,870.00	
Water Meters	130.00	
School Addition	92.50	
Water Wells	11,760.00	21,852.50
Total Maturing Debt & Interest		65,852.50

OTHER PAYMENTS

Essex County Taxes	42,039.10	
State Parks & Reservations	11,516.83	
State Assessment System	131.36	
Excise Bills	595.05	
State Audit	278.71	
Air Pollution Control	136.48	
Trust Funds in Transit	1,961.76	
Sales Tax	16.38	
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	
Certificates of Deposit	500,000.00	
Revenue Loans	400,000.00	
Revenue Loan Interest	2,891.10	
Storm Damage	19,745.22	
Refunds from Taxes	6,297.49	990,609.48
Total Other Payments		990,609.48
Tot. Paymt. from 7/1/74-1/1/75		2,769,446.32
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1974		524,645.96
		3,294,092.28

SPECIAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

New Police Cruiser	665.00	
New Highway Truck	1,034.48	
Brox Building Renovation	70,540.68	
Estimated Other Payments	41,591.48	113,831.64
Total Rev. Sharing Funds		113,831.64
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1974		14,080.02
		127,911.66

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS
For Current Fiscal Year
July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975

	Balance 1/1/74	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Payt. to 1/1/75	Est. Payt. to 6/30/75	Balance 6/30/75
Moderator		12.00				12.00		12.00	
Finance Board Expense		750.00				750.00	64.00	686.00	
Selectmen: Salary		1,800.00				1,800.00	900.00	900.00	
Clerk Assistant		3,900.00				3,900.00	1,641.00	2,259.00	
Expense		1,000.00				1,000.00	603.50	396.50	
Accountant: Salary		8,840.00				8,840.00	4,590.00	4,250.00	
Expense		100.00				100.00		100.00	
Treasurer: Salary		1,200.00				1,200.00	600.00	600.00	
Clerk Assistant		400.00				400.00	400.00		
Expense		3,100.00				3,100.00	1,132.67	1,967.33	
Tax Collector: Salary		2,500.00				2,500.00	1,249.98	1,250.02	
Clerk Assistant		700.00				700.00	700.00		
Expense		3,400.00				3,400.00	1,024.62	2,375.38	
Assessors: Salary		3,000.00				3,000.00	1,499.94	1,500.06	
Clerk Assistant		4,000.00				4,000.00	2,077.11	1,922.89	
Expense		3,225.00				3,225.00	718.11	2,506.89	
Legal Counsel: Salary		1,980.00				1,980.00	990.00	990.00	
Expense		4,500.00				4,500.00	1,367.98	3,132.02	
Town Clerk: Salary		1,000.00				1,000.00	499.98	500.02	
Expense		510.00				510.00	48.64	461.36	
Registrars: Salary		300.00				300.00		300.00	
Expense		362.00				362.00	66.90	295.10	
Census		400.00				400.00		400.00	

Election Officers: Wages	835.00		835.00	451.20	383.80
Expense	71.00		71.00	43.00	28.00
Planning Board Expense	800.00		800.00	405.41	394.59
Appeals Board Expense	400.00		400.00	36.93	363.07
Bonding Town Officers	651.00		651.00		651.00
Town Hall Maintenance: Jan. Sal.	840.00		840.00	420.00	420.00
Expense	15,550.00		15,550.00	2,177.32	13,372.68
Police: Salaries & Wages	79,981.12	6,173.48	86,154.60	44,706.27	41,448.33
Expense	14,150.00		14,150.00	7,511.90	6,638.10
Communications	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,789.00	711.00
Fire: Engineers Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00		1,300.00
Wages	8,100.00		8,100.00		8,100.00
Expense	12,350.00		12,350.00	1,731.96	10,618.04
New Hose	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,869.69	130.31
Relocate Fire Alarm	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
New Radio Equipment	1,300.00	8,700.00	10,000.00		10,000.00
Forest Fire Wardens	200.00		200.00		200.00
Gas Inspector: Salary	378.00		378.00	189.00	189.00
Expense	135.00		135.00	70.00	65.00
Wiring Inspector: Salary	350.00		350.00	174.96	175.04
Expense	50.00		50.00		50.00
Building Inspector: Salary	300.00		300.00	150.00	150.00
Oil Burner Inspector: Salary	150.00		150.00		150.00
Expense	50.00		50.00		50.00
Tree Warden: Salary	300.00		300.00	150.00	150.00
Expense	4,047.00	184.02	4,231.02	4,231.02	
Moth Dept.	1,000.00		1,000.00	986.51	13.49
Dutch Elm	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
New Trees	700.00		700.00		700.00
Stump Removal	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Dog Officer: Salary	316.00		316.00	157.50	158.50
Expense	684.00		684.00	332.00	352.00

	Balance 1/1/74	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Payt. to 1/1/75	Est. Payt. to 6/30/75	Balance 6/30/75
Civil Defense Expense	198.39	250.00				448.39	78.87	100.00	269.52
New Cruiser		2,135.00	1,000.00			3,135.00	3,130.82		4.18
Board of Health		1,000.00				1,000.00	94.49	905.51	
Health Nurse: Salary		2,000.00				2,000.00	999.96	1,000.04	
Expense		200.00				200.00		200.00	
Plumbing Inspector: Salary		300.00				300.00	150.00	150.00	
Sewerage Inspector Expense		2,650.00				2,650.00	255.00	2,395.00	
Vital Statistics		180.00				180.00		180.00	
Animal Inspector: Salary		100.00				100.00		100.00	
Expense		15.00				15.00		15.00	
Milk Inspector: Salary		25.00				25.00		25.00	
Expense		15.00				15.00		15.00	
Hire Professional Engineer	5,000.00					5,000.00			5,000.00
Purchase Bulldozer	22.00			22.00					
Purchase Wood Chipper	599.11			599.11					
Dump Maintenance: Salary		6,032.00				6,032.00	3,239.18	2,792.82	
Expense		18,000.00				18,000.00	7,425.94	10,574.06	
Highways: Thickly Settled			20,686.00			20,686.00	19,002.90	1,683.10	
Road Machinery		6,900.00	2,095.30			8,995.30	4,473.70	4,521.60	
Chapter 81		7,450.00	9,075.00			16,525.00	4,893.09	11,631.91	
Chapter 90 Const. 1971	10,335.89					10,335.89	10,335.89		
Chapter 90 Const. 1972	14,849.78					14,849.78	14,849.78		
Chapter 90 Const. 1973	5,787.42					5,787.42	5,525.87	261.55	
Chapter 90 Const. 1974		4,000.00	12,000.00			16,000.00	14,605.35	1,394.65	
Chapter 90 Maint.		2,000.00	500.00			2,500.00	2,478.78	21.22	
Snow & Washouts		30,000.00				30,000.00	10,759.56	19,240.44	
Sidewalks, Rails, Bridges		2,500.00				2,500.00	1,436.03	1,063.97	

Repairs on Private Ways		3,500.00				3,500.00	1,102.86	2,397.14	
Oiling Roads			10,000.00			10,000.00	9,983.40		16.60
Water Dept. Work		4,100.00				4,100.00	1,825.82	2,274.18	
Carry-All Trailer	13.00			13.00					
Street Lights		12,000.00				12,000.00		12,000.00	
Highway Truck		4,331.41	634.11			4,965.52	4,963.22		2.30
Veterans Benefits	8,696.18	7,803.00				16,499.18	5,131.35	11,367.83	
Veterans Service Officer: Salary		1,003.00				1,003.00	501.48	501.52	
Expense		250.00				250.00	94.33	155.67	
Care Veterans Graves		124.00				124.00		124.00	
School		647,512.00				647,512.00	245,507.93	402,004.07	
Pentucket Reg. Assessment		701,129.00				701,129.00	467,419.32	233,709.68	
Whittier Vo-Tech. Assessment		186,832.00				186,832.00	93,416.00	93,416.00	
Library - Salary & Wages		17,335.00				17,335.00	7,910.28	9,424.72	
Expense		6,235.00				6,235.00	3,613.61	2,621.39	
Furnishings		895.00				895.00	406.35	488.65	
Playground		3,500.00				3,500.00	716.50	2,783.50	
Supervised Play		1,500.00				1,500.00	1,500.00		
Indian Head Park Expense		1,500.00				1,500.00	557.50	942.50	
Insurance		19,000.00				19,000.00	13,668.45	5,331.55	
Group Insurance		15,200.00			689.40	15,889.40	4,870.74	8,252.48	2,766.18
Interest - Maturing Debt		48,377.50				48,377.50	21,852.50	26,525.00	
Interest - T.A.N.		10,000.00				10,000.00	2,891.10	5,108.90	2,000.00
T.T. Property - Repairs & Expense		50.00				50.00			50.00
Ambulance Service		300.00				300.00	257.20	42.80	
Industrial Development Comm.	1,219.15					1,219.15			1,219.15
Cost of Federal & State Grants	1,000.00			1,000.00					
Memorial Day		450.00				450.00		450.00	
Rental A.L. Quarters		500.00				500.00	500.00		
Brox Building Committee	300.00					300.00			300.00
Conservation Comm. Expense	235.00	250.00				485.00	146.20		338.80
Conservation Fund	2,897.94				239.21	3,137.15	200.00		2,937.15

	Balance 1/1/74	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Payt. to 1/1/75	Est. Payt. to 6/30/75	Balance 6/30/75
Printing Town Reports		1,500.00				1,500.00		1,500.00	
Pension Bill		897.91				897.91		897.91	
Essex County Retirement		30,000.00				30,000.00	29,408.58		591.42
Merr. Valley Planning Comm.		424.50				424.50	424.50		
Light in Town Buildings		10,500.00	2,447.47			12,947.47		12,947.47	
Water in Town Buildings		1,100.00	66.06			1,166.06		1,166.06	
Renovate Town Hall Auditorium	5,000.00	5,000.00				10,000.00	4,547.80	2,000.00	3,452.20
Writing Town History	1,500.00	5,000.00				6,500.00			6,500.00
Historical Comm. Expense	414.00					414.00			414.00
Purchase B & M Railroad	8,700.00			8,700.00					
Town Beautification Garden Comm.		600.00				600.00	538.30	61.70	
Town Government Comm.		100.00				100.00			100.00
Dept. Public Works Comm.		100.00				100.00			100.00
Stabilization Fund		5,000.00				5,000.00	5,000.00		
Reserve Fund		10,000.00		184.02		9,815.98		9,815.98	
Light Commissoners Salary		600.00				600.00	300.00	300.00	
Water Commissoners Salary		600.00				600.00	300.00	300.00	
Water Dept: Salary & Wages		26,925.00				26,925.00	12,574.20	14,350.80	
Expense		30,050.00				30,050.00	12,658.42	17,391.58	
Install Valve at Pump. Sta.	800.00					800.00		800.00	
Flushing Water Mains	4,000.00					4,000.00		4,000.00	
Cemetery Dept.		15,000.00				15,000.00	7,344.63	7,655.37	
Maturing Debt - School Add.		5,000.00				5,000.00		5,000.00	
Red Oak School		40,000.00				40,000.00	40,000.00		
Brox Building		20,000.00				20,000.00		20,000.00	
Water Wells		35,000.00				35,000.00		35,000.00	
Water Meters		4,000.00				4,000.00	4,000.00		

OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

Certificates of Deposit					700,000.00	700,000.00	725,000.00		- 25,000.00
Revenue Loans	250,000.00				150,000.00	400,000.00	400,000.00		
Personal 1974					12.30	12.30	12.30		
Real 1974 - 75					4,530.47	4,530.47	4,530.47		
Real 1973 - 74					388.80	388.80	388.80		
Excise 1974					1,048.29	1,048.29	1,048.29		
Excise 1973 - 74					113.03	113.03	113.03		
Excise 1972					204.60	204.60	204.60		
State Parks & Reservations	1,343.39		11,630.65	1,343.39		11,630.65	11,516.83		113.82
State Assessment System			131.36			131.36	131.36		
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills			595.05			595.05	595.05		
Essex County Mosquito Control	54.21			54.21					
Essex County Taxes	- 3,488.00		45,934.37			42,446.37	42,039.10		407.27
State Audit			278.71			278.71	278.71		
Merr. Valley Air Pollution Control	32.51		194.28	32.51		194.28	136.48		57.80
Elderly Retiree Program	161.30			161.30					
Consumer Deposits	1,875.00				1,700.00	3,575.00	790.00	600.00	2,185.00
Sales Tax					37.60	37.60	16.38	21.22	
Dog Fees					291.05	291.05	291.05		
Trust Funds in Transit					1,961.76	1,961.76	1,961.76		
School Lunch - Revolving Acct,	7,245.04				19,625.25	26,870.29	14,227.18	12,643.11	
Police Revolving Fund	151.35				5,146.96	5,298.31	5,198.32	99.99	
Storm Damage Account		20,000.00				20,000.00	19,745.22	254.78	
School - Title 2 - Proj. 57	525.69					525.69	498.24	27.45	
Title 1 - Proj. 74-180-343	12,112.00					12,112.00	12,112.00		
Title 1 - Proj. 75-180-072					5,571.00	5,571.00	3,671.28	1,899.72	
Interest - Consumer Deposits	1,176.67			92.87	123.89	1,207.69	2.70	4.99	1,200.00
Kimball Park	285.40					285.40	34.88	100.00	150.52
Light Dept.	55,708.32			25,000.00	283,108.01	313,816.33	253,804.44	60,011.89	
New Wells	261,838.32					261,838.32	259,175.94	2,662.38	

	Balance 1/1/74	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Payt. to 1/1/75	Est. Payt. to 6/30/75	Balance 6/30/75
New Standpipes					115,000.00	115,000.00	61,121.62	53,878.38	
	660,589.06	2,248,793.44	132,325.86	37,202.41	1,289,791.62	4,294,297.57	3,019,771.91	1,269,349.75	5,175.91

SPECIAL CASH REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

New Police Cruiser		665.00				665.00	665.00		
Brox Renovation	127.51	100,500.00				100,627.51	70,540.68	30,086.83	
Police Communications		4,666.64				4,666.64		4,666.64	
Counsel for Aging		8,000.00				8,000.00		500.00	7,500.00
		113,831.64				113,959.15	71,205.68	35,253.47	7,500.00

	Balance Jan. 1, 1974	Added	Interest	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1974
1974					
LIGHT DEPRECIATION FUND:					
Merrimac Savings Bank	68,383.63	10,000.00	3,451.92	51,674.00	30,161.55
Economy Co-Op Bank (P.S.)	16,000.00				16,000.00
Economy Co-Op Bank (Savings)	6,215.71		1,230.22		7,445.93
	90,599.34	10,000.00	4,682.14	51,674.00	53,607.48
	TRUST FUNDS				
POST WAR REHABILITATION:					
Merrimac Savings Bank	1,336.41		71.52		1,407.93
STABILIZATION FUND:					
Merrimac Savings Bank	799.10	5,000.00	46.94		5,846.04
Economy Co-Op Bank	7,653.53		431.42		8,084.95
	8,452.63	5,000.00	478.36		13,930.99
SCHOOL RENOVATION BONDS:					
Merrimac Savings Bank	94.78		5.05		99.83

	Balance Jan. 1, 1974	Added	Interest	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1974
KIMBALL PARK:					
Merrimac Savings Bank	5,147.40		267.62	300.00	5,115.02
LIBRARY:					
Merrimac Savings Bank-					
Various Trust Funds	3,773.48		189.38	473.07	3,489.79
Francis Hanley	674.62		31.01	192.43	513.20
Sarah Leavitt	392.89		10.37	403.26	0
Albert Wadleigh	2,268.94		131.82	50.00	2,350.76
Thomas Hoyt	7,426.65		432.50		7,859.15
Economy Co-Op Bank-					
Thomas Hoyt	10,032.77		562.59		10,595.36
	24,569.35		1,357.67	1,118.76	24,808.26
CEMETERY:					
Merrimac Savings Bank					
Care Harry Robinson Lot	1,500.00		78.76	78.76	1,500.00
Various Trust Funds	57,521.87		3,307.45	3,307.45	
C. Francis Sande		150.00			
M. Carey & G. Lafaver		300.00			57,971.87
Economy Co-Op Bank:					
Various Trust Funds	31,598.75		1,846.22	1,846.22	

Richard A. Downing		100.00			
June M. Torano		200.00			
William Lamb, Sr.		200.00			
William W. Carter		200.00			
Lawrence B. Dowd		150.00			
Amelia Oxley		50.00			
Warren R. Sargent		150.00			
R. & J. Lemerise		300.00			
R. Caswell		150.00			
John & Mary Flynn		200.00			
Yarmilla & Louis Defazio		150.00			
Eva A. Hayes		150.00			33,698.75
	90,620.62	2,550.00	5,232.43	5,232.43	93,170.62

RECAP OF TRUST FUNDS

Cash in custody of Treasurer:	130,221.19		
		Post War Funds	1,407.93
		Stabilization Funds	13,930.99
		School Ren. Bonds	99.83
		Kimball Park Funds	5,115.02
		Library Funds	24,808.26
		Care H. Robinson Lot	1,500.00
		Cemetery Funds	91,670.62
			138,532.65

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude C. MACKENZIE
Town Accountant

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Merrimac Housing Authority had a gratifying year with the completion and occupancy of Merri Village, Housing For The Elderly on Middle Street. The Authority met 6 times in regular session and 10 times in special session.

Merri Village Housing For The Elderly having 48 Units was formally accepted on May 15, 1974. Tenants began moving in and these facilities are fully occupied at all times.

The Authority applied and received approval to participate in the Chapter 707 State Rental Assistance Program. This program is available to any qualified low income family allowing the Authority to subsidize rents in private housing. Anyone experiencing difficulty should contact the Authority.

The Authority wishes to thank all Town Officials for their excellent cooperation. The Authority cordially invite all citizens of Merrimac to visit the new facilities on Middle Street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. STUART, Executive Director
EDMUND L. HAMEL, Chairman
ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN, Vice-Chairman
DOROTHY E. OLSON, Treasurer (State Rep.)
GEORGE E. LUCY, Vice-Treasurer
WILLIAM D. VANCE, Member-at-Large

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of Cemeteries organized as follows: Alva W. Clark, Chairman, Merrill B. Smith, Sr., Clerk and Harold R. Arbour, Secretary.

The small piece of land purchased in 1973 has been completely landscaped and is a great improvement to the Locust Grove Cemetery. We now have eight veterans buried in the new Veteran's Lot.

In the absence of a tool house, we find it necessary to use some of the space in the Highway Department in the Municipal Building

through the kindness of Mr. MacGown. It is also necessary to use the tomb at Locust Grove Cemetery for some of the supplies.

We would also like to give Mr. MacGown our sincere thanks for his co-operation during the year.

We have installed gates at the entrance to the Locust Grove Cemetery which prevents cars from entering the cemetery at night.

Mr. Charles Hayes, our Superintendent, has done his usual fine job of caring for the Cemeteries, for which we wish to thank him.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVA W. CLARK, Chairman
MERRILL B. SMITH, SR., Clerk
HAROLD R. ARBOUR, Secretary

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Mass. 01860

Submitted herewith is my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1974.

As Veterans' Service Officer the accomplishments have been many as follows: Securing compensation, pensions, hospitalization, outpatient treatment, additional pension for the housebound, educational benefits, G.I. Loans, insurance, affidavits, medical records, annual income questionnaires, tax exemptions, burial allowances, power of attorneys, certificates of service, and many other varied services. I have also had many phone calls, personal contacts, and many letters have been drafted and typed for veterans and their dependents. Grave markers and flags were distributed as required.

As Veterans' Agent I have taken applications for benefits, allowed justified payments, issued warrants, issued food orders, obtained authorizations and reimbursements, and maintained records. I have filed required reports with the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, Boston, Mass.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and other Town Departments for their cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRISON S. DeLONG
Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF THE BROX BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This is the report of the Brox Building Renovation Committee authorized by the article on the warrant at the Annual Town Meeting held May 6, 1974.

The purpose of this committee was to continue the remodeling and renovation of the Brox Building using the sum of $70,000 transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. An additional $30,500 was authorized to be transferred at the Special Town Meeting held on October 21, 1974.

This committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen was as follows: Forrest Bishop, Everett Cossar, Francis Drenth, Richard Herbert, Richard Powers, Ronald Shaw and William Vigneault. William Vigneault resigned from the committee and Donald Montigny was appointed a non-voting member.

At the first meeting Forrest Bishop was voted chairman and Everett Cossar was elected secretary.

The largest single expenditure this year was repairing the roof of the building. All the old tar and gravel was stripped to allow for the examination of the planking. Approximately 600 sq. ft. of planking and some timbers had to be replaced. Then the chimney had to be taken down before resurfacing the roof. New paper underlayment and flashing together with a new surface of tar and gravel was added to give the building a long lasting maintenance free roof.

All the broken and cracked skylights were replaced. At the same time foam seals were added between the skylights and the metal frames.

The next expenditure outside the building was filling, grading and resurfacing the front of the building together with adding a paved driveway to the rear of the building and a small area at the rear of the building for the Highway Dept. entrance to the building.

This year our attention centered mainly on the Fire Dept. area as far as the inside of the building is concerned.

The walls and ceilings were steamed cleaned and a fresh coat of paint was added.

Through the help of Mr. Ray Bastarache, an instructor at Whittier Vocational Tech and Merrimac resident, inquiries were made as to the possibility of the school doing jobs to gain some practical experience and at the same time save the town considerable expense. During the year, an excellent relationship has evolved.

A project such as building of offices was given to the school, where the students would figure the list of materials required and then the committee would then go out for bids for the required materials.

This type of project is most beneficial to the school to give the students actual job conditions from the planning stage to actual completion.

New overhead lighting has been added in the Fire Dept. area. The old lighting in the truck area is now tied to some new lighting in the offices together with some lighting in the Highway Dept. for an auxiliary lighting system in case of a complete power failure.

Toilets for the Fire Dept. and Highway Dept. are being completed.

In the Highway Dept., an office is being built in conjunction with the office construction in the Fire Dept. area.

In the Fire Dept. area, offices, storage rooms and the meeting hall with be completed by the town meeting. This will allow them to move permanently into the building.

Then our attention will be concentrated on the Police Dept. area.

Floor plans of the area are completed and structural engineering changes are being analyzed at which time construction will start in the Police Dept. area.

We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other town departments for their cooperation throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FORREST BISHOP, Chairman
EVERETT COSSAR, Secretary
FRANCIS DRENTH
RICHARD HERBERT
RICHARD POWERS
RONALD SHAW
DONALD MONTIGNY

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Merrimac Council on Aging was approved by a vote of the townspeople at the Annual Town Meeting in May of 1974.

The first meeting was held on July 2, 1974 with eight members appointed by the Selectmen. The Council has met on the first and third Tuesday of the month since that time.

Initially it was determined that the needs of the elderly must be identified before an effective program could be implemented.

Questionnaires were distributed by members of the Council to citizens over sixty to determine these needs.

Upon reviewing the results of the questionnaires, it was determined that transportation, low cost health services and improved social services as well as coordination of all services available to the elderly in Merrimac be made known and accessable to senior citizens.

In October of 1974 at a Special Town Meeting the needs of Merrimac's elderly citizens were made known to the citizens of Merrimac. Funds were voted from the Revenue Sharing Fund for use by the Council.

At this time the Council is in the process of providing necessary services to the elderly and will continue to work on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN J. ZACHARIS, Chairman INEZ LUND, Vice Chairman
CAROLE SOKOLOWSKI, Secretary CORRADO PIRROTTA
EVELYN MORRILL EILEEN STEPANIAN, R.N.
WILLIAM WHITING NANCY MacGREGOR
Merrimac Council on Aging

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The following nursing care visits were made to 21 residents upon a physician's request.

	Patients	Visits	Mileage	Clinics
January	6	53	105	0
February	5	36	77	0
March	5	38	83	1
April	7	57	127	3
May	5	57	175	7
June	8	53	157	10
July	5	33	106	7
August	7	53	104	6
September	8	34	93	8
October	5	11	72	13
November	4	8	34	11
December	5	11	33	6
Totals		444	1268	72

The year, 1974, brought a great expansion of public health services to Merrimac residents.

The annual pre-school and school age immunization clinics were held in March, April and May with 261 doses of vaccine administered. Vaccines for smallpox, diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, mumps, measles, german measles and polio were available free of charge.

The rabies clinic was held in June with 73 cats and dogs receiving vaccine.

Flu vaccine was provided at cost for town employees and senior citizens in October and November with 93 doses of vaccine administered at the Title VII program, Merri Village and the Donaghue School.

Blood pressure clinics began in April with the advent of the Title VII meal program. These clinics are held weekly at the Pilgrim Congregational Church and are open to both meal participants and townspeople. An additional clinic is also held weekly at Merri Village for the benefit of the residents. 773 blood pressures were taken at Title VII and 85 at Merri Village for a total of 858 at 46 clinic during 1974.

A talk on "Diabetes and its effect on the Senior Citizen" was given in September to the Senior Citizens Sunshine Club.

A diabetic urine testing clinic was held in October at the Sunshine Club meeting.

Merrimac became involved in the Childhood Lead Poisoning

Prevention Program in the spring. In addition to testing local children in the under six age group for lead poisoning, the service was included as part of the Chapter 766 pre-school screening program for the Pentucket School District. Merrimac children were given 201 tests; West Newbury, 46; and Groveland 96 for a total of 343 blood lead tests. Included in this total are 73 retests given to Merrimac children who were found to be lead poisoned or to have elevated levels requiring close observation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE E. STEPANIAN, R.N.
Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF MILK & ANIMALS

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Merrimac, Mass.

I have issued licenses for the following:

Sale of milk and cream	10
Sale of oleomargarine	4
Sale of milk from delivery trucks	4

for a total of thirty dollars ($30.00) which was turned over to the town treasurer.

Four (4) dogs were quarantined, and two (2) complaints of cruelty to animals were investigated.

The annual census of animals in the town was taken.

Sincerely,
G. L. PITTMAN
Milk Inspector
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts:

I hereby submit my annual report of the activities of the Police Department for the year 1974.

Complaints	6908
Misc. Complaints	4568
Motor Vehicle Accidents	56
Number of Motor Vehicles involved	80
Number of injured in M/V accidents	16
Messages delivered	109
Articles or Animals lost	61
Assistance to ill or injured	65
Ambulance assistance rendered	34
Missing persons reported	28
Assistance to other departments	44
Doors & Windows found unlocked	94
Poles & Wires down	20
Lights left burning	1
Reports of Fires investigated	107
Assistance rendered Medical Examiner	2
People away	149
Dog Bites	14
Dog complaints	279
Dogs struck by veh.	13
Breakdown assistance	42
Vehicles towed	58
Escorts	42
Snowmobile complaints	18
Minibike and Motorcycle complaints	71
Horse complaints	44
Go-Cart complaint	1
Stolen Bicycles	28
Breaking and Entering	116
Assault and Battery	19
Report of Vandalism	134
Stolen vehicles	20
Stolen vehicles from Merrimac recovered	7
False stolen veh. reports	2
Vehicles stolen out of town and recovered in town	8
Summons served for out of Town Dept.	119
Warrants served for out of Town Dept.	5
Jurors drawn	17
Motor Vehicle warnings (citations)	55
Motor Vehicles complaints (citations)	218
Motor Vehicle Verbal warnings	278

NUMBER OF ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1974

Female residence 13
Male residence 49
Female non-residence 27
Male non-residence 217
Female residents, Juvenile 2
Male residents, Juvenile 10
Female non-residents, Juvenile 1
Male non-residents, Juvenile 21

DRUNK: 1, fined 1, total fines $25.00.

OPER. UNDER INF. INT. LIQ: 20, fined 17, not guilty 1, appealed 5, total fines $1,196.00, H.O.C. 1, other 3 w/drew appeal, paid fines. 1 cont. 1 yr. w/o a finding. 1 ASAP Prog. & $200 court cost. 2 cont. 1 yr. w/o a find. Join ASAP. 1 cont. 2 wks. $200. court cost and join ASAP immediately.

OPERATING TO ENDANGER: 7, fined 2, probation 2, total fines $162.50, H.O.C. 2, 1 reduced to left of way.

OPER. ON JR. LIC. BETWEEN 1 AND 5 A.M.: 2, fined 2, total fines $20.00.

OPER. W/O A LIC: 14, fined 8, dismissed 1, probation 2, total fines $95.00, H.O.C. 1, other cont. 6 mos w/o a find. $30.00 restitution.

OPER. NO LIC. IN POSS: 27, fined 25, filed 1, probation 1, total fines $257.25, other 1 default, 2 Registry action.

OPER. AFTER REVOCATION: 4, fined 3, appealed 1, total fines $220.00, H.O.C. 1, other w/drew appeal, paid fines.

OPER. AFTER SUSPENSION: 2, fined 1, filed 1, total fines $50.00.

NO REG. IN POSS: 31, fined 23, dismissed 1, not guilty 1, filed 2, total fines $245.50.

NO VAL. MASS. LIC: 3, fined 3, total fines $44.00.

NO VAL. REG. IN POSS: 1, fined 1, total fines $11.00.

OPER. UNINS. M/V: 14, fined 8, dismissed 1, not guilty 1, probation 3, total fines $740.00, H.O.C. 2, other default.

OPER. UNREG. M/V: 18, fined 10, not guilty 1, filed 2, probation 2, total fines $219.00, H.O.C. 1, other default.

SPEEDING: 99, fined 86, dismissed 2, not guilty 1, filed 1, probation 1, total fines $1,413.00, other 2 did not appear, 1 Registry Action, 3 Nolo, Filed.

LEFT OF WAY: 33, fined 29, not guilty 1, total fines $319.00, H.O.C. 1, other 1 discharged, 1 nolo.

DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT: 25, fined 22, filed 1, total fines $248.00, other Nolo, filed, 1 Reg. Action.

NO INSP. STICKER: 23, fined 22, filed 1, total fines $245.50.

FAIL. TO STOP AT STOP SIGN: 31, fined 23, dismissed 1, not guilty 1, filed 2, total fines $245.75, other 3 Reg. Action.

FAIL. TO STOP FOR A POL. OFF: 2, probation 1, H.O.C. 1.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A M/V: 9, appealed 1, probation 5, H.O.C. 4, other Restituion $300 and $296 - 6 mos. probation under supervision. 1 cont. 2 yrs. w/o a find. 1 cont 6 mos. w/o a find.

IMPROPER STARTING: 3, fined 3, total fines $30.00.

IMPROPER BACKING: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

IMPROPER TURNING: 2, fined 2, total fines $21.00.

BALD FRONT TIRES: 1, other did not appear.

FAIL. TO DISPLAY FRONT PLATE: 7, fined 7, total fines $67.00.

FAIL. TO DISPLAY PROPER PLATE: 2, fined 2, total fines $21.00.

ILLEGAL ATT. OF PLATES: 4, fined 2, filed 1, appealed 1, total fines $81.50.

ATT. IMPROPER PLATES: 3, fined 1, total fines $55.00, H.O.C. 1.

FAIL. TO DISPLAY REAR PLATE: 1, fined 1, total fines $11.00.

IMPROP. ATT. OF REAR PLATE: 1, fined 1, total fines $11.00.

LEAV. THE SCENE OF PROP. DAM: 6, fined 4, probation 1, total fines $151.25, H.O.C. 2, other cont. w/o a find. Ct. cost $25.00.

LEAV. SCENE AFTER PER. INJ: 1, probation 1, H.O.C. 1.

IMPEDED OPERATION: 2, fined 2, total fines $43.50.

FAIL. TO REPORT CHANGE OF ADDRESS: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

REAR END JACK UP: 3, fined 2, total fines $20.00, other Reg. Action.

STUDDED REAR TIRES: 2, fined 2, total fines $21.00.

ACQUISITION OF A NAR. DRUG BY FORGERY: 1, other cont. 1 yr w/o a find.

POSS. OF MARIJUANA: 13, dismissed 3, not guilty 3, probation 5, H.O.C. 3, other 2 cont. w/o a find., 1 year, 1 default.

POSS. OF A CONTROLLED SUB. CLASS A: 4, probation 2, other 1 cont. w/o a find., 1 discharged.

ILL. POSS. OF A NAR. DRUG, CLASS B: 1, probation 1.

UTTERING FORGED PRESCRIPTION: 1, probation 1, H.O.C. 1.

DEL. BY REASON OF DIST. OF THE PEACE: 1, other cont. 6 mos. to get rid of M/cycle.

ASSAULT & BATT. ON A POL. OFF: 1, appealed 1, H.O.C. 1.

ASSAULT BY MEANS OF A DAN. WEAP: 2, probation 2, H.O.C. 1.

ASSAULT & BATTERY: 4, dismissed 1, appealed 2, H.O.C. 2, other cont. w.o a find.

THREAT OF BODILY HARM: 1, other no grounds for complaint.

ANNOYING TEL. CALLS: 1, probation 1, other Phy. treatment.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: 9, fined 3, dismissed 1, not guilty 1, filed 1, appealed 2, probation 1, total fines $96.25, H.O.C. 1, other cont. w/o a find., cont. 6 mos w/o find., 1 YSB.

DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM: 2, fined 2.

FAIL. TO APPEAR IN COURT: 1, other G-Prob. officer.

B & E IN NIGHTIME: 11, dismissed 1, probation 8, H.O.C. 2, other 1 Grand Jury, Paroled, Notification to Reg.

POSS. OF STOLEN PROP: 3, not guilty 1, other 1 cont. w/o a find., F. G. cont. 6 mos. w/o a find.

RECEIVING STOLEN PROP: 2, dismissed 1, probation 1, other Cont. on medical treat. V/A Hosp.

POSS. OF BURGLARY TOOLS: 1, other Bound over Grand Jury, cont. 1 yr. w/o a find.

LARCENY UNDER $100.00: 4, probation 3, H.O.C. 2, other Guilty.

INTERFERR. W/A POL. OFF: 1, fined 1, total fines $31.25.

CONTRIBUTING TO DEL. OF A MINOR: 7, filed 2, H.O.C. 4.

BURNING OF A M/V: 8, dismissed 3, not guilty 1.

LARCENY OF A M/V: 4, probation 3, H.O.C. 2, other 1 yr. prob. 10 P.M. curfew for 2 YSB, 2 discharged.

MAL. DAM. TO PRIV. & PUBLIC PROPERTY: 5, not guilty 2, H.O.C. 1.

ALLOW. IMPROP. PER. TO OPER: 2, fined 2, total fines $22.00.

BEING DEL. BY REASON OF OPEN & GROSS LEWDNESS IN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR FEM: 1, other cont. for evaluation.

DEL. BY REASON OF SPRAY PAINT ON CRUISER & POL. STA. WINDOWS: 2, dismissed 1, other YSB, YSB & make restitution.

MAL. DAM. TO PERSONAL PROP: 2, dismissed 1, other YSB and make restitution.

WILLFUL INJ. TO WIT (HELEN R. DONAGHUE SCHOOL): 2, dismissed 1, other 1 YSB and make restitution.

PUSHING AN UNREG. M/V ON A PUBLIC WAY: 4, fined 2, total fines $50.00, other Cont. w/o a find. 2.

PUSHING AN UNINS. M/V ON A PUBLIC WAY: 2, fined 1, total fines $25.00, other cont. w/o a find. Probable cause, Guilty, cont. 8-27-75 w/o a find.

THREATENING A POL. OFF: 1, appealed 1, other YSB.

RESISTING ARREST: 1, probation 1.

DANVERS STATE HOSP: 1, other 10 dys. comm.

NON PAYMENT OF FINES: 1, fined 1.

FAIL. TO DIM HIGH BEAMS TO ONCOMING TRAFFIC: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

I would like to thank all the citizens of the Town of Merrimac for the assistance given to this department in the past year. I would also like to remind you that the police department is only as good as the citizens that help us, so please remember if you see it, report it no matter how small you may think it is, allow us to determine the necessity of an investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. MONTIGNY
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission present membership consists of the following persons:

Ronald Shaw, Ch. Karen Zacharis
H. Parker McLaren Henry D. Lay
Nathan Tufts Walter Perkins

During the past year, the Commission has been involved with various aspects of the Wetland Protection Act. We conducted one Wetland Hearing, made several field trips to view sites involving Wetlands questions, and at meetings advised several people relative to protection requirements. Our main thrusts have been reorganization, finding suitable meeting quarters, and reviving the B & M Railroad procurement possibility.

We hope, in the coming year, to develop a comprehensive conservation/recreation master plan and to continue to serve the town's conservation needs.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD K. SHAW, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1974. The Board was organized as follows:

J.Duncan How, Chairman
Walter D. Calnan, Clerk
Edmond L. Hamel, Member
Mildred D. Shelley, Secretary

The 1973 Recapitulation of appropriations and estimated receipts was adjusted as follows to compute the six-month rate of $41.00 for the adjustment period of the eighteenth month fiscal period January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974:

A. 1/3 OF NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	$634,729.70
(See 1973 Recapitulation) in 1973 Town Report	
B. TOTAL VALUATION AS OF JAN. 1, 1974	$15,623.825.
TAX RATE (A divided by B)	$41.

OVERLAY ADJUSTMENT (Due to rounding the rate)	
Overlay as of 1973 Recap Sheet	74,752.79
Added to Overlay	5,847.13
Total	80,599.92

The General Tax was	$13.45
The School Tax was	27.55
	41.00

The Assessors raised a total of $547.110. in new valuation for this transitional period. This also remained the new valuation for the Fiscal 74-75 as assessment date for both periods is January 1st.

The following is a recapitulation of appropriations and estimated receipts of the Town, which was used in computing the 1975 Fiscal tax rate of $71.00:

Total Appropriation		2,383,462.53
Overlay Deficits		2,000.00
Cr. Estimated Receipts		6,856.43
Other Amounts to be Raised		
(Stand Pipe - Interest)		3,857.50
County Tax		45,934.37
State Tax and Assessments:		25,830.95
State Recreation	11,630.65	
Audit Municipal Accts.	278.71	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	595.05	
State Assessment System	131.36	
Air Pollution Control	194.28	
Special Education (1973-766)	13,000.00	
	25,830.05	

Overlay 1974-75		64,187.18
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		2,532,128.06
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS		
1975 Cherry Sheet Est. Receipts	913,700.01	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	146,056.69	
Licenses	18,230.70	
Fines	428.00	
General Government	918.00	
Protection of Persons & Property	1,027.25	
Health and Sanitation	528.75	
School (local receipts of Sch. Comm.)	180.00	
Libraries	438.11	
Public Service Enterprises	76,162.20	
Cemeteries	3,275.19	
Interest	9,585.42	
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise	547.85	
Misc.	1,231.85	
1973 Cherry Sheet Supplement	24,015.85	
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		1,196,325.87
Overestimated Cherry Sheet	1,591.41	
Avail Funds (Incl. to reduce rate)	224,921.59	
Net Total		1,422,838.87
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		1,109,289.19
Total Taxes Levied		1,109,289.19
Water liens added to Taxes	1,174.42	
COMMITTED TOTAL		1,110,463.61

Tax Rate $71.00 per thousand
School Tax - 36.04
General Govt. - 34.96

Personal Property Valuation	522,645.00
Real Estate Valuation	15,101,180.00
TOTAL VALUATION	15,623,825.00

Valuation of Motor Vehicles (1974 Levy)	$2,299,200.
Number of Motor Vehicles (1974 Levy)	2903
Number Dealer-Repair-Farm	9
Number of horses	69
Number of cows	266
Number of other animals	8
Number of fowl	1865
Number of houses	1088
Number of acres (taxable)	4594

Deeds transferred & reviewed	185
1973 permits reviewed	75
All assessments reviewed	

The 1974-75 tax rate of $71.00 dropped $13.20 from the 1973 rate of $84.20. This was made possible due to the substantial increase in estimated receipts on the Fiscal 1975 Cherry Sheet as well as two Cherry Sheet supplements and the Federal Revenue Sharing. It was further made possible by the tax-payers and departments in holding down the spending at the annual Town Meeting which included many transfers from available funds. Also the Assessors were able to raise half a million dollars in new valuation due largely to new building.

Statutory Exemptions are a large item using Assessors Overlay, with no reimbursement from the State on the Cherry Sheet:
General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 41: (Elderly)
1974 Levy - 74 Exempt – Total Valuation: $309,273.00
1975 Levy - 71 Exempt – Total Valuation: $346,246.00
1975 Levy 50% for Nov. 1, 1974 tax and 50% for May 1, 1975 tax.

General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 22: (Veterans)
1974 Levy - 59 Exempt – Total Valuation $125,915.
1975 Levy - 57 Exempt – Total Valuation $140,493.
1975 Levy 50% for Nov. 1, 1974 tax and 50% for May 1, 1975 tax.

General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 17 (Widows)
1974 Levy - 9 Exempt – Total Valuation: $19,207.00
1975 Levy - 8 Exempt – Total Valuation: $19,718.00
1975 Levy 50% for Nov. 1, 1974 tax and 50% for May 1, 1975 tax.

General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 18: (Infirmity-Hardship)
1974 Levy - 2 Exempt – Total Valuation: $4,268.00
1975 Levy - 2 Exempt – Total Valuation: $4,930.00
50% for Nov. 1, 1974 tax and 50% for May 1, 1975 tax

General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 3: (Charitable Organizations)
1974 Levy - 7 Exempt – Total Valuation: $172,995.00
1975 Levy - 7 Exempt – Total Valuation: $172,995.00
1975 50% for Nov. 1, 1974 tax and 50% for May 1, 1975 tax.

The Board of Assessors attended monthly Essex County and Association of Massachusetts Assessors meetings. Assessor Walter D. Calnan attended a week at Assessors School at the University of Mass. in Amherst.

We wish to thank the honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel, Finance Committee and all officials of the Town for their fine cooperation extended to us during 1974. We also wish to publicly express our appreciation to the State Bureaus of Local Assessment and

Taxation for their assistance during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DUNCAN HOW, Chairman
WALTER D. CALNAN, Clerk
EDMOND L. HAMEL, Member

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1974 were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1974	297,499.31	
Receipts to January 1, 1975	5,937,810.97	
		6,235,310.28
Payments on Warrants	5,710,664.32	
Balance January 1, 1975	524,645.96	
		6,235,310.28

SPECIAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Balance January 1, 1974	40,908.31	
Receipts to January 1, 1975	87,003.35	
		127,911.66
Funds Appropriated	113,831.64	
Balance January 1, 1975	14,080.02	
		127,911.66

Respectfully submitted,

ROY C. JOURNEAY
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

I submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1974. I wish to thank the various officials and citizens for their cooperation during the year.

1974-75 Fiscal Year	Comm.	Uncollected	%
Real Estate	1,072,181.37	538,909.50	.50
Water Liens	1,174.42	457.71	.39
Personal Property	37,107.83	19,551.22	.53
Farm Animals	503.75	135.70	.27
1974			
Real Estate (6 months)	619,145.97	25,867.60	.04
Personal Property (6 months)	21,428.48	1,948.92	.09
Excise (Commitments 1-4)	114,475.14	22,586.40	.20
Farm Animals	251.88	16.38	.06
1973			
Real Estate	1,228,490.14	11,286.40	.09
Water Liens	910.01		100.00
Personal Property	40,962.42	1,949.64	.05
Auto Excise	155,693.88	9,720.89	.06
Farm Animals	422.10	4.50	.01
1972			
Personal Property	26,727.56	759.71	.03
Auto Excise	141,951.52	7,861.07	.06

The Real Estate and Personal Property levies are for the full 12 months period. 50% of these levies are not due until May 1.

We are still having considerable problems with our Excise levies being received at a very late date from the State. In fact, I received on Apr. 3, 1974 a 1972 levy and on October 29, 1974 a 1973 Excise levy. I appreciate the patience and cooperation of the tax payers in dealing with this situation. There is not anything that the Town can do about it. We have received, since the first of 1975, $10,578.34 in 1974 Excise levies.

We experienced radical changes in the method of billing Real Estate and Personal Property taxes this year. There was one commitment and one set of abatements for the 12-month period, but the tax was billed in two separate amounts, each for a six-month period. The first six months due November 1, and the second six months will be due May 1.

This has been very successful as the Town did not have to borrow but once during the year 1974 and this early in the year, before this system was effective, in anticipation of taxes, thereby saving many hundreds of dollars in interest.

In addition to issuing two bills, which doubled the work of the Collector, it was also necessary to put unpaid balances on the second notice. This is the first time in the history of the Commonwealth that a previous balance was shown on a subsequent tax bill. I feel that this service is a very good one, but it involves a lot of work. Also, the second notice has a problem in that it is sent to the owner of record as of January 1. This, of course, causes a conflict if a transfer is made before the second bill is issued. However, there seemed to be a minimum of problems on this score, and the benefits in faster collections more than outweight the disadvantages.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED G. JOURNEAY
Tax Collector

TOWN OF MERRIMAC
WATER DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 1974

OPERATIONS

APPROPRIATIONS: (1/1/74-6/30/75)		
Regular		84,000.00
Expended: (1/1/74-12/31/74)		
Manager Salary	4,477.45	
Office Salary	2,347.70	
Wages	16,473.56	
Power Purchased	8,979.44	
Fuel Purchased	746.89	
Station Supplies & Expenses	2,469.59	
Maintenance & Repairs	5,124.02	
Truck Expenses	995.73	
Meter Reading	946.15	
Office Supplies & Expenses	2,045.44	
Taxes	129.62	
Miscellaneous Expenses	187.10	
Mains	1,279.99	

Service	1,621.75	
Hydrants	3,750.45	
Tools	682.74	
Total Expenditures		52,257.62
Unexpended at December 31, 1974		31,742.38
Collections		
Water Revenue	102,586.54	
Service & Miscellaneous	1,580.94	
Total Collected		104,167.48
WATER METER RENTAL FUND		
Balance January 1, 1974	11,117.50	
Collected during 1974	1,821.75	
Expended to pay Bal. of water bond	4,195.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1974		8,744.25
SPECIAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		
Appropriation – Install Valves		800.00
Expended during 1974		-0-
Unexpended – Dec. 31, 1974		800.00
Appropriation - Repair Stockroom Roof		250.00
Expended during 1974		250.00
Unexpended - Dec. 31, 1974		-0-
Appropriated - Flushing Water Mains		4,000.00
Expended during 1974		-0-
Unexpended		4,000.00
Appropriation – Construct a storage standpipe and buildings for a pumping station; install original pumping station equipment; lay and relay water mains; acquire land or interest in land for foregoing and for new wells		595,000.00
Expended during 1973		12,524.25
Expended during 1974		
Unexpended - Dec. 31, 1974		

TOWN OF MERRIMAC
REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 1, 1974 - DECEMBER 31, 1974

OPERATION STATEMENT

OPERATING REVENUES:		
Sale of Electricity		
Residential	341,501.57	
General Service	112,288.31	
Municipal Street Lights	9,536.81	
Town Buildings	12,947.47	
Floodlights	6,359.16	
OTHER REVENUES:		
Rentals	2,344.00	
Interest	4,907.81	
Other	35.00	
TOTAL REVENUES		489,920.13
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Purchased Power	320,639.96	
Distribution Operation	13,504.38	
Distribution Maintenance	22,533.51	
Meter Reading	3,073.39	
Customers Records & Collections	17,577.50	
Manager's Salary	8,699.60	
Office Supplies & Expenses	5,053.62	
Outside Services Employed	4,017.40	
Property Insurance	2,302.49	
Transportation	4,157.13	
Misc. General Expenses	1,739.02	
Rents	245.32	
Maintenance of General Plant	203.95	
Depreciation	18,447.51	
Interest (Customer's Deposits)	84.99	
TOTAL OPERATION EXPENSES		422,279.77
NET INCOME		67,640.36
ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PLANT		
Distribution	34,138.70	
General	50,809.78	
TOTAL		84,948.48
PAID TO TOWN IN LIEU OF TAXES		25,000.00

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		
Plant and Property at cost	656,452.56	
Accumlated Depreciation	(230,527.93)	425,924.63
Cash for Operations		45,778.51
Cash for Improvements to System		69,304.89
Special Deposits		2,785.00
Accounts Receivable		43,040.54
Materials and Supplies		18,226.86
TOTAL ASSETS		605,060.43
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Accounts Payable		33,946.74
Customer's Deposits		2,785.00
Customer's Advances for Const.		2,013.75
Surplus		566,314.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES		605,060.43

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The trustees of the Merrimac Public Library submit the annual report for 1974, their ninety-eighth report.

The year 1974 marked a year of expanding the library's position within the community to meet the diverse needs of Merrimac's citizens. During the year, the library, through various programs, tried to expand its services beyond the traditional library function of only providing reading material. In the future, more programs will be planned to meet the various needs of Merrimac people and to enlarge the library's role within the community.

Added to the library's circulation of 21,885 books, periodicals, and audio-visual materials are the deposits to the North Shore Community Club (887 books); the requests filled through the interlibrary loan service (174 books); the loans to the schools (150 books); and the loans to the Merrimac Child Care Center (213 books) making the total circulation of materials figure 23,309.

Added to the library's collection in 1974 were 1,129 new titles, and the collection was supplemented by the loan of 1,032 titles borrowed from the regional bookmobile during its visits to the library. Individual requests for information or books beyond the scope of the library's collection were fulfilled by the delivery of 174 books through the daily book truck service of the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System.

1974 marked the first full year of service for the new children's room. With the addition of tables and chairs plus a new card catalog, more than ever the library is able to offer a complete children's facility without interruption to adults upstairs.

In 1974 over 1,400 people have attended the new programs at the library. New programs have included an adult film series, a preschool story hour, children's film series, lectures, knitting classes, and deposits of materials for people with special needs. The summer reading program for children, held from July through August, was split into two groups based on age. The younger group enjoyed movies, stories, and simple crafts; while the program for the older children centered about Eskimos. The end of the program was climaxed by an ice-cream party for both groups.

The library is gratified by the response of the citizens of Merrimac to the expansion of services and programs; and we wish to express our gratitude to all of those people who have helped with their time, donations, exhibits, programs, and support for the library. 1974 marked a year in which the library has begun to assert itself within the community by attempting to take a more active role in meeting the diverse recreational and informational purposes which todays libraries are called upon to provide.

Respectfully submitted,

EIDE JERVEY
ELIZABETH PITTMAN
MARY PARRY
ELEANOR HOPE-McCARTHY
CHARLOTTE GULEZIAN
NATHAN TUFTS, JR.
Board of Trustees

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

At the Annual Election in May, 1974, George P. Stevens was reelected for a full three year term. The Board organized as follows: H. Francis Drenth, Chairman; George P. Stevens, Clerk; and Nancy C. MacGregor, Member.

On January 21, 1974, a Special Town Meeting was called for the purpose of changing the Annual Town Meeting and Election dates to the month of May. The meeting to be held on the first Monday in May and the election to be held on the second Monday in May. At said meeting it was voted to adopt new building codes as set forth by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. (BOCA)

At the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 1974, an additional appropriation of $115,000 was voted in order that the water supply project could be completed. Also passed was an article to transfer the amount of $70,000 from Revenue Sharing to continue the renovation of the Brox Building. The Town also accepted mandatory recycling.

On October 21, 1974, a Special Town Meeting was held. It was voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing the amount of $4,666.64 for Police Communications, $30,000 for continued renovation of the Brox Building, and $8,000 for the Council on Aging. Several articles were passed amending the Town By-Laws enabling more stringent enforcement.

In March a representative from Camp, Dresser and McKee met with the Board to discuss waste water treatment. It was decided that the Board wait until June when the Corps of Engineers and Regional Planning Authority would be submitting a report.

During the year of 1974, a Police Contract was negotiated, and Merrimac and the Town of West Newbury entered into a Regional Police Communications Contract. Other business conducted by the Board included contracting with the engineering firm of Haley & Ward to conduct a survey of the Town's solid waste disposal area, and several meetings with various MVPC committees regarding Transportation, Solid Waste and Wastewater Treatment. Exterior and interior painting and general refurbishing of the Town Hall was completed.

The Board of Selectmen wish to thank all of the appointed and elected officials and citizens of Merrimac for their untiring efforts in assisting us in trying to make Merrimac a better Town in which to live.

Respectfully submitted,

H. FRANCIS DRENTH
GEORGE P. STEVENS
NANCY C. MacGREGOR

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

As Town Clerk for the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1974:

BIRTHS

Number of Births recorded	55
Males	31
Females	24
Father, Native Born	55
Mother, Native Born	54
Father and Mother, both Native Born	54
Father and Mother, Both Foreign Born	0
Mixed Parentage	1

MARRIAGES

Number of Marriages recorded	58
First Marriage of Groom	49
First Marriage of Bride	50
Groom, Native Born	58
Bride, Native Born	58
Groom, Foreign Born	0
Bride, Foreign Born	0
Average age of Groom	26 years, 0 months, 3 days
Average age of Bride	22 years, 3 months, 3 days

DEATHS

Number of Deaths recorded	23
Males	9
Females	14
Under five years	1
Males, Native born	7
Females, Native born	12
Of Native Parentage	9
Of Mixed Parentage	2
Average Age	65 years, 1 month, 2 days
Oldest Person	90

LICENSES

Number of Dogs Licensed	220
Males	207
Females	10
Kennel Licenses	3
Sporting Licenses Issued	160
Minor's Sporting Licenses Issued	11

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY A. CLOYD
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS
MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year 1974 - 1975.

Number of alarms	92
Assistance rendered other communities	9
Assistance received from other communities	6

In addition to regular alarm response some of the firemen have attended monthly training meetings which cover the many facets of the fire service. Also serveral members have completed training in the following fields:

EMT–Emergency Medical Technician
CPR-Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation
Standard and Advanced First Aid

The officers and members of the Fire Department are anxiously looking forward to occupying their new quarters at the Municipal Building at East Main Street.

In summary it has been an active year. The training effort has been greatly stepped up. This increased training activity and new headquarters will allow the Fire Department to better serve the people of Merrimac.

We wish to thank the honorable Board of Selectmen, the officers and men of the Fire Department, the Chief and Officers of the Police Department and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. POWERS
HAROLD J. HUME
DAVID STEWART, SR.
Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The past year has been one of continued accomplishment and planning for the events which will celebrate Merrimac's one-hundredth year in 1976.

Once a month in February, March, April and May, of 1974 the Centennial Commission sponsored a series of illustrated lectures on the history of Merrimac. As in the earlier programs, 35 mm slides made from old photographs were the basis for each program. The public response was excellent and the attendance was gratifying. With some modification of topics and an expanded collection of slides, the same monthly schedule is being presented this year. These programs have served the dual purpose of generating interest in the history of the town as well as raising money for the centennial celebration.

On Saturday, August 17, 1974, the commission sponsored another fund-raising "Old Merrimac Day." The activities of the day were similar to those of the year before: open house at the Old Sawyer House; costumed tours and photo exhibit at the Landing School House; a flea market; bean supper; ice cream parlor; and evening block dance in Merrimac Square. On sale throughout the day was the centennial commemorative coin, in gold, silver, and bronze, as well as a reprint of a 1889 map of the town. (Presently, the coins are on sale at the Merrimac Savings Bank and the map may be purchased at the Merrimack Valley National Bank.) We take this opportunity to thank those who directed the events and supported the functions by their patronage.

The site markers for the Merrimac Historic Trail have been completed and should be installed during the summer. Each marker has a number, and an illustrated guide-book will explain the historical significance of each numbered site.

In place of a separate pictorial history, the plan is to increase the number of photographs in the historic trail guide-book and in the published formal history, thereby eliminating duplication and cost.

House plaques designed by James S. Smith are now available. For those wishing to designate the age of their home, exterior plywood or cast aluminum plaques may be obtained with the proper date inscribed. These same items may be used as commemorative plaques, with the centennial dates of the town (1876-1976) or bicentennial dates of the nation (1776-1976.)

The Centennial Commission has nearly completed the restoration of the interior at the Town Hall. The original interior shutters have been

repaired and rehung, the ceilings and walls have been repainted, and the floors cleaned and sealed. An excellent portrait of Mr. William P. Sargent, which originally hung in The First National Bank of Merrimac, has been made available to the Commission by Mr. Kenneth G. Fowle. This oil painting has been adapted to the original gold leaf frame and hung above the stage.

A museum committee under the direction of Mr. Walter Perkins is now being formed, and it is anticipated that the museum will be opened by April of 1976, in the Town Hall auditorium.

An Old Fashioned Lawn Party is planned as a fund raising activity on June 14, 1975.

The Centennial Celebration will begin April 11, 1976 with an ecumenical service commemorating the governor's signing of the act which created the new Town of Merrimac in 1876.

The week of June 5 - 12, 1976, will include the Centennial Ball, conducted tours of historic sites, open houses, fireworks, square dance, barbeque, and parade.

All citizens of the town are cordially invited to participate in the aforementioned events.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN CALNAN, Chairman
DOROTHY CONDON, Secretary
KENNETH FOWLE, Treasurer
JEFFREY HOYT, Historian
CHARLOTTE McCARRON
FREDERICK N. SWEETSIR, M.D.
HAROLD WATERHOUSE

REPORT OF WHITTIER VO-TECH

To: Citizens of Merrimac

The Town of Merrimac has the following enrollment for the 1975-76 school year:

Grade 9	13 boys 4 girls
Grade 10	13 boys 11 girls
Grade 11	16 boys 5 girls
Grade 12	8 boys 3 girls

These students are enrolled in the following courses:

Auto Body	2
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	2
Auto Repair	5
Boat Building	3
Basic Electronics	2
Culinary Arts	3
Child Care	2
Commercial Art	3
Cosmetology	1
Carpentry	3
Clothing & Textiles	1
Dietary Assistant	1
Diesel Machine	2
Foods & Nutrition	2
Graphic Communications	3
Health Careers	2
Home Design	3
Library Aide	1
Machine Shop	3
Painting & Decorating	2
Plumbing & Heating	1
Sheet Metal	1
Special Needs	1
Trowel Trades	2
Upholstery	3
Welding	2
General Vocation Program	17
	73

One of the major outside work projects being completed by the students at Whittier Regional is the transformation of the old Massachusetts Eastern Street Railway car barn into a Town Municipal Building in Merrimac. To date this project has involved the following trades:

Carpentry - Electrical - Metal Fabrication - Painting and Decorating - Trowel Trades.

In the Evening Division classes 55 adults from Merrimac attended the Fall Semester and 49 attended the Spring Semester.

The total cost to Merrimac for the school year January 1974 through June 1975 is $186,832.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ZILLAH M. BUZZELL

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Health organized for the year 1974 as follows:

Norman B. Carleton, Chairman
Arthur W. Hoyt, Clerk
Allen F. Stevens, Member

Inspection of septic system installations for full compliance with Town and State Sanitary Codes are being made by Mr. Frederick Key, appointed Sewage Inspector by the Board.

The Board has updated and adopted new regulations concerning septic systems and permits. A summary of the changes follow:

1. New applicants for Installers Disposal Works Permit must pass a written examination.

2. Before a Disposal Works Permit is issued, applicants must have an acceptable water source.

3. New Duplex dwellings must have separate Disposal Systems.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN B. CARLETON, Chairman

WARRANT
for
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1974

ESSEX, ss.

To Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1974

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the town will vote to amend Article I, Section 1 of the town by-laws by deleting the words "last Monday in February" and substituting in place thereof the words "the first Monday in May" and deleting the words "first Monday of March" and substituting in place thereof "Second Monday of May", so that it will read as follows:

Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting, except that part dealing with the election of officers, shall be held each year on the first Monday in May at 8:00 P.M. that part of the Annual Town Meeting devoted to the election of the moderator and other town officers, and action on such other matters as are required by law and appear on the official ballot shall be held on the second Monday of May each year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to amend Article III, Section 2 of the by-laws of the town by deleting the words "December 1st" and substituting in place thereof the words "January 20th" so that it will read as follows:

Section 2. The heads of the boards and departments of the town shall, not later than January 20th, prior to the next annual town meeting, submit to the Finance Committee, their budget estimates for the ensuing year, on forms approved by the Finance Committee, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Police Department Sergeant - Salary Account, voted at the 1973 Annual Town Meeting, to the Patrolmen - Salary Account to be expended by the Police Department for Patrolmen salaries, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to amend the by-laws of the town by adopting the following by-law:

Article XVII - Building Code. Section I. That a certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, being marked and designated as "The BOCA Basic Building Code, Fifth Edition, 1970" as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., is the Building Code of the Town of Merrimac; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions, and terms of the BOCA Basic Building Code, Fifth Edition, 1970 are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this by-law, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this by-law.

Section 2. - Additions, Insertions and Changes. That the following sections are hereby revised as follows:

Section: 100.1 (Page 1, Second Line) Insert "Town of Merrimac."

Section 100.1 (Page 1, Seventh Line) Insert "Town of Merrimac."

Section: 105.1 (Page 3, Second Line) Insert "the date this by-law takes effect."

Section: 107.1 (Page 4, Second Line) Insert "Town of Merrimac."

Section: 118.2; 118.3; 118.4; 118.5; (Page 12) Delete these sections and insert in place thereof "Section: 118.2, New Construction and Alteration; Moving of Buildings; Demolition; Signs - The fee for a building permit for new construction and alterations, for removal of a building or structure from one lot to another or to a new location on the same lot, for the demolition of a building or structure, or for signs, billboards and other displayed structures for which permits are required under the provisions of the Basic Code shall be as follows:

Schedule of Permit Fees

Valuation of Work	Fee
Under $50.00	$2.00
$50.00 to $500.00	$3.00
$501.00 to $1,000.00	$4.00
$1,001.00 to $10,000.00	$4.00 plus $2.00 for each additional thousand or part thereof
$10,001.00 and over	$22.00 plus $1.00 for each additional thousand or part thereof"

Section: 122.3 (Page 15, Seventh Line) Insert "Fifty" and delete "or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both such fine and imprisonment."

Section 123.2 (Page 16, Fourth and Fifth Line) Insert "not less than $25.00 or more than $50.00.

Section 126.3 (Page 18, Second Line) Insert "$10.00 per hour."

Section 200.0 (Page 22, Third Line) Insert "Town of Merrimac."

Section 200.2 (Page 22, Third Line) Insert "Town of Merrimac."
Section 201.0 (Page 25, Thirteenth Line) Insert "Chief Appointing Authority: The Board of Selectmen."
Section: 300.0 (Page 47, First and Second Lines) Delete the words "The Division of the Municipality of "Name of Municipality" into fire districts and."
Sections: 301.0; 301.1; 301.2; 301.3; 302.0; 302.1; 302.2; 302.3; 302.31; 302.4; 302.5; 302.6; 303.0; 303.1; 303.2; 303.3; 303.31; 303.32; 303.4; 303.5; 303.6; 303.7; 303.71; 303.72; 303.8; 303.9; 303.10; 304.0; 304.1; 304.2; 303.3; 304.4; 305.0; 305.1; 305.2; (Pages 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51) Delete Sections 301.0 thru 305.2.
Section: 1308.21 (Page 345, Second Line) Insert "Three."
Section: 1308.22 (Page 345, Second Line) Insert "Three."
Section: 1408.1 (Page 355, Third Line) Insert "Bond or Insurance Policy shall have been filed in the sum of $5,000.00 as herein required."
Section: 1408.2 (Page 355, Third Line) Insert "Town of Merrimac."
Section: 1703.1 (Page 388, Third Line) Insert "Town of Merrimac."
Section: 1900.4 (Page 400, Third Line) Insert "Town of Merrimac";

or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to amend the by-laws of the town by adopting the following by-law:

Article XVIII - Basic Housing - Property Maintenance Code. Section 1. That a certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, being marked and designated as "The BOCA Basic Housing - Property Maintenance Code, Second Edition, 1970, (Including 1971 Supplement)", as published by Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. is the Basic Housing - Property Maintenance Code of the Town of Merrimac; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided: and each and all of the regulations of the Basic Housing Code, Second Edition, 1970, (Including 1971 Supplement), are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this by-law;

or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to amend the by-laws of the town by adopting the following by-law:

Article XIX - Mechanical Code. Section 1. That a certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, being marked and designated as "The BOCA Basic Mechanical Code, First Edition, 1971", as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., is the Mechanical Code of the Town of Merrimac; for the control of

buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions, and terms of the BOCA Basic Mechanical Code, First Edition, 1971, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this by-law.

Section 2 - Additions, Insertions and Changes. That the following sections are hereby revised as follows:

Section: M-100.3 (Page 1, Second Line) Insert "Town of Merrimac."

Section: M-102.1 (Page 1, First Line) Insert "When approved by the Attorney General and published in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts General Laws,

or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to amend the by-laws of the town by adopting the following by-law:

Article XX - Basic Fire Prevention Code. Section 1. That a certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, being marked and designated as "The BOCA Fire Prevention Code, Second Edition, 1970", as published by Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., is the fire prevention code of the Town of Merrimac; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties and conditions, and terms of The BOCA Basic Fire Prevention Code, Second Edition, 1970, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this by-law;

or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to amend the by-laws of the town by adopting the following by-law:

Article XXI - Basic Plumbing Code. Section 1. That a certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, being marked and designated as "The BOCA Basic Plumbing Code, Second Edition, 1970," as published by Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., is the Plumbing Code of the Town of Merrimac; for the control of building and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of The BOCA Basic Plumbing Code, Second Edition, 1970, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this by-law.

Section 2 - Additions, Insertions and Changes. That the following sections are hereby revised as follows:

Section: P-102.0 (Page 1, First Line) Insert "When approved by the Attorney General and published as required by the Massachusetts General Laws."

Section: P-308.2 (Page 17, Third Line) Insert "One Hundred (100)"

Section: P-313.3 (Page 18, Second and Third Lines) Insert "Four (4) feet" and "Four (4) feet.";

or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 10th day of January, 1974.

WARRANT
for
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, ss.

To, Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of MERRIMAC to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1974

at 8 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, G.L.'s as amended: Moderator, Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Three Commissioners of Municipal Light, Three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1974 and make appropriations for the same said sums of money so raised and appropriated to be expended for specific purposes to be voted. (Voted)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1974, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. (Voted)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen

and their successors in office to sell, until the 1975 Annual Town Meeting, at public sale advertised once in a local newspaper at least 7 days prior to sale any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations, or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town quit-claim deeds or other instruments therefore; or take any action relative thereto. (Withdrawn)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1974; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of road machinery to keep road machinery in operation; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted as amended)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of

money from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said cemeteries, according to Section 14, and Section 25 of Chapter 114, G.L.'s.; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1974; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of dog license fees collected during the eighteen month period commenced on January 1, 1973 to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the G.L.'s.; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free public libraries"; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tree Warden to employ himself to perform labor or render services to the Tree Department and to establish the rate of compensation for such labor or services at $2.00 per hour; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 6B relative to appropriations of money for the purchase of uniforms for members of the Police and Fire Department; or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 16. That the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108L concerning the establishment of a career incentive pay program for regular full time members of the Police Department or transfer from available funds a sum of money to defray the cost thereof during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974; or take any other action relative thereto. (P.P. indefinitely)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to reduce by attrition and thereby limit the total number of full time Police Officers employed by

the Town of Merrimac to six; or take any other action relative thereto. (P.P. indefinitely)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 97A of the General Laws as amended relative to the establishment, membership, and supervision of the Police Department; or take any other action relative thereto. (Not passed)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen for the purchase of a Police cruiser and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in any present Police cruiser towards the cost of said new Police cruiser; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted as amended)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Fire Department for the purchase of radio equipment; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Fire Department for the purchase of hose; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Fire Department to relocate the fire alarm panel from the present Fire Station to the Brox Building; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Fire Department to defray the cost of an answering and dispatch service; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended for the purchase of a four wheel drive pickup truck with plow for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted as amended)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the by-laws of the Town by adding to Article XIII the following section: "Section 5. Refuse of each of the following types; (1) Cardboard (Chipboard,

corrugated board, other cardboard), newspapers and magazines, (2) bottles and other glass containers made of clear or green glass, (3) aluminum, steel and tin cans, and (4) all other refuse, shall be separately set out for collection or deposited on the Town dump and shall be collected and so deposited and then recycled. The Board of Health shall from time to time promulgate regulations to implement the purposes of this section; provided that no regulation shall be promulgated under this section except after a public hearing. A notice of any such hearing containing the date, time and location of the hearing and a summary of the regulation under consideration shall be published at least seven days prior to the hearing in a newspaper published in the Town."; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Voted)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Council of Ageing consisting of seven to eleven citizens of the Town, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms not to exceed four years for any member. Said term shall be staggered so that not more than three appointments shall be made in any calendar year. Members can be reappointed for concurrent terms. The duties of said Council on Ageing shall be to:

1. Identify the total needs of the community's elderly population;
2. Educate the community and enlist support in participation of all citizens concerning these needs;
3. Design, promote, or implement services to fill these needs, or coordinate present existing services in the community;
4. Promote and support any other programs which are designed to assist elderly programs in the community.

Said Council on Ageing shall cooperate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elderly Affairs and shall be cognizant of all State and Federal Legislation concerning funding, information exchange, and program planning which exist for better community programing for the elderly.

Said Council on Ageing shall give an annual report to the Board of Selectmen with a copy of that report directed to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elderly Affairs; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to aid in treatment, training and rehabilitation of the mentally ill and mentally retarded, said money to be received and administered by the Haverhill–Newburyport Mental Health and Mental Retardation Area

Board; or take any other action relative thereto. (Not passed)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the land known as Indian Head Park to the Playground Commission; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to be expended by the Playground Commission for the care and maintenance of Indian Head Park; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to designate River Road as a scenic road under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 15C; or take any other action relative thereto. (P.P. next annual)

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Cemetery Trustees to defray the cost of hot topping roads in Locust Grove Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto. (Not passed)

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Trustees of the Public Library for the purchase of furnishings for the newly renovated Public Library; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will adopt a resolution indicating a local need for Flood Insurance, a desire to participate in the Federal Flood Insurance Program and appoint the Board of Selectmen as the Board with responsibility, authority and means to take any official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objective of the Flood Insurance Program; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 45, Section 21 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 893 of the Acts of 1971, to authorize the Conservation Commission to appoint a special Town Forest Committee to be in charge of the management and care of the Town Forest; or take any other action relative thereto. (P.P. indefinitely)

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the

Selectmen to appoint a Sewage Treatment Committee consisting of three individuals whose duty shall be to investigate the feasibility of a sewage treatment facility and to advise the Town on various matters relating to the creation of a sewage treatment system and to authorize said committee to apply for, receive, and expend any financial assistance necessary or convenient for the purpose of the committee; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Beautification Committee for the care and maintenance of road side gardens; or take any other action relative thereto. (Withdrawn)

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to 1. authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire for park purposes by purchase, eminent domain, gift, or partly by purchase and partly by gift, the fee, or any lesser interest in, the land and buildings in Merrimac Square known as the Mobil Gas Station property, said property being more particularly bounded and described in transfer certificate of title No. 10440, Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Registered Land Section; 2. To raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray the purchase price and other costs of this acquisition; 3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen, Town Beautification Committee and Conservation Committee to apply for and receive any State, Federal or other assistance which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; 4. To authorize the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Committee and Town Beautification Committee to do anything which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; or take any other action relative thereto. (Not passed)

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of LXXXIX of the amendments to the State Constitution for a special law substantially in the following form or take any other action in relation thereto; "For the purposes of the fifth sentence of section 7 of Chapter 150E as inserted by Chapter 1078 of the Acts of 1973, the provisions of Section 34 of Chapter 71 shall be deemed to be not operative in the Town of Merrimac." (Voted)

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II, Section I of the by-laws of the Town to change the words "fifteenth

day of January" to "fourth day of March" so that it will read: Every officer in charge of a Department shall annually on or before the fourth day of March transmit to the Selectmen, a report containing a statement of the acts and financial transactions of said Department for the last financial year, to be printed in the Annual Report; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Department of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.
(P.P. to next special)

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of "The Committee to Study the Feasibility of Changing Town Government."; or take any other action relative thereto.
(P.P. to next special)

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote 1. to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, including Revenue Sharing Funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Brox Building Renovation Committee for the purpose of repairing, remodeling and renovating the Brox Building. 2. That said repairing, remodeling and renovating include the following;

(a) Repair of Roof
(b) Sprinkler system
(c) Any other repair, remodeling or renovation deemed necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Brox Renovation Committee to enable the Fire Department to move into the Brox Building.
(d) Any other repair, remodeling or renovation deemed necessary or convenient in the opinion of the Brox Building Renovation Committee.

3. That the Brox Renovation Committee be authorized to enter into any contracts or do anything which may be necessary or convenient in carrying out the purposes of this article; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to: 1. Acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, for cemetery purposes, a certain parcel of land containing 28 acres, more or less, located on the Cemetery Road, Locust Street and River Road and being more particularly bounded and described in book 6018, Page 326; 2. To raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray the purchase price, surveying expenses and other costs of this

acquisition; 3. Authorize the Board of Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees to do anything which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; or take any other action relative thereto. (P.P. to next special)

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used with funds appropriated under Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting, February 26, 1973 for the construction of a storage standpipe, control chamber and accessory work; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of April, 1974

NANCY C. MacGREGOR
H. FRANCIS DRENTH
GEORGE J. P. STEVENS
Board of Selectmen

WARRANT
FOR
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1974

ESSEX, ss.

To Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1974

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to defray the cost of overtime, court time, and paid holidays for Police personnel; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to defray a portion of the cost of the operation of the Police radio communication dispatch service; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted as amended)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract on behalf of the Town with the Town of West Newbury, for the operation of a Police communication system under such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem best and to execute on behalf of the Town any and all contracts, instruments, or other documents necessary or convenient to carry out this vote; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to 1. Appropriate and transfer from available funds, including revenue sharing funds, received or to be received, a sum of money to be expended by the Brox Building Renovation Committee for the purpose of repairing, remodeling, and renovating the Brox Building. 2. That said repairing, remodeling and renovating include the following: (a) adding partitions in Fire Department for storage rooms and meeting hall. (b) adding partitions in Police Department for offices. (c) any other repairs, remodeling, renovations deemed necessary or convenient in the opinion of the Brox Building Renovation Committee. 3. That the Brox Building Renovation Committee be authorized to enter into any contracts or to do anything which may be necessary or convenient in carrying out the purposes of this article; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds, received or to be received, including revenue sharing funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Counsel on Aging for the purpose of designing, promoting, and implementing social services for the elderly citizens of the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to 1. Acquire, in fee, by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, for cemetery purposes, a certain parcel of land containing approximately 22 acres, more or less, located on the Cemetery Road and Locust Street; 2. To appropriate a sum of money to defray the purchase price, surveying expenses and other costs of this acquisition and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provision of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; 3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees to do anything which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; or take any other action relative thereto. (Tabled to next Annual)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V, Section 2 of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto the words "on private or public property" so that said By-Law shall read as follows: Section 2. No person shall, without proper authority, extinguish or remove any lights placed upon private or public property to denote any obstruction or defect in a street or way; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto Section 7 as follows: Section 7. No owner or person having charge of any horse, cow, swine, sheep, goat or other grazing animal, shall permit the same to pasture in any street, sidewalk or way within the town, either with or without a keeper; provided that this By-Law shall not affect the rights of any person to use land within the limits of such way adjoining his own premises; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto Section 8 as follows: Section 8. No person shall deposit, throw, or cause to be thrown or placed upon any street, highway, or sidewalk of the Town any dirt, rubbish, vegetable substance, nails, spikes, screws, glass, tin can, or other similar articles; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto Section 9 as follows: Section 9. No person shall commit a nuisance upon any sidewalk or street, or against any tree, building or structure adjoining the same; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XV, Section 5 of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto the word "sidewalk" so that said section shall read as follows: Section 5. No person shall loiter, saunter, or stand in any street, sidewalk, public place or town building, so as to obstruct or impede the free passage or in any manner annoy or disturb any other person, after being directed by a Police Officer to move on; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XV of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto Section 7 as follows: Section 7. No person shall use or consume any alcoholic beverages, as defined in Chapter 138, SEction 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws, while in or upon any public way or any way in which the public has a right of access or any place to which the members of the public have access or invitees or licensees, park or playground, or private land, building, structure, or place without the consent of the owner or person in control thereof. All alcoholic beverages being used in violation of the By-Law shall be seized and safely held until final adjudication against the person or persons arrested or summoned before court, at which time, they shall be returned to the persons entitled to lawful possession. Each arrest shall be considered a separate offense; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XV of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto Section 8 as follows: No person shall bathe, swim or parade without personal covering or in a nude state in any public place and no person shall disrobe in any public place; or take any other action relative thereto. (Not passed)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XV of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto Section 9 as follows; Section 9. No person shall behave in a disorderly manner, or use any obscene or indecent language, or make any obscene or indecent gestures in any public street, public sidewalk or other public place in the town; or take any other action relative thereto. (Not passed)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XV of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto Section 10 as follows: Section 10. No person shall without right, stand or remain upon a wall or fence or upon any doorstep or doorway or other projection from a house or other building, so as to annoy or disturb any person, or obstruct any passage to or from such house or building, after having been requested by a Police Officer of the Town or by owner or occupant of any such building, to depart therefrom; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XV of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto Section 11 as follows: Section 11. No person shall make any obscene or indecent figures or write any

obscene or indecent words upon any fence, building or structure in any public place; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XV of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto Section 12 as follows: No owner or person having charge of any dog shall permit the same to commit a nuisance by biting, barking, howling, or otherwise disturbing the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or endangering the safety of any person; or take any other action relative thereto. (Passed)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five (5) members to be known as "Fire Department Committee" to study and investigate the needs of the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto. (To report at next Annual Town Meeting)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Changing Town Government; or take any other action relative thereto. (P.P. to next Annual Town Meeting)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Department of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto. (P.P. to next Annual Meeting)

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 10th day of October, 1974.

H. Francis Drenth
George P. Stevens
Nancy C. MacGregor

Board of Selectmen

WARRANT
for
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, ss.

To, Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of MERRIMAC to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1975

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, G.L's as amended; Moderator, Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Three Commissioners of Municipal Light, Three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1975 and make appropriations for the same said sums of money so raised and appropriated to be expended for specific purposes to be voted.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1975; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of road machinery to keep road machinery in operation; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for construction, reconstruction and resurfacing of local streets; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for Chapter 765 Road Improvements; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for Chapter 765 Road Construction; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for sidewalks, rails, and bridges; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for oiling roads; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said cemeteries, according to Section 14, and Section 25 of Chapter 114, G.L's; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1975; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of dog license fees collected during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1975, to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the G.L's.; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free public libraries"; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tree Warden to employ himself to perform labor or render services to the Tree Department and to establish the rate of compensation for such labor or services at $2.00 per hour; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Thousand ($80,000.00) Dollars less Federal and State construction grants for engineering services to prepare a facilities planning study for the proposed sewerage system and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for engineering services to prepare said study and to act in any other way relative thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, raise by bond issue, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Fire Engineers to purchase a new fire truck and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Fire Engineers to trade in or sell any present fire truck and to apply the proceeds thereof towards the cost of said new fire truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to 1. Acquire, in fee, by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, for cemetery purposes, a certain parcel of land containing approximately 22 acres, more or less, located on the Cemetery Road and Locust Street; 2. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the purchase price, surveying expenses and other costs of this acquisition and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, appropriation from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provision of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; 3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees to do anything which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to 1. Raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, including revenue sharing funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Brox Building Renovation Committee for the purpose of repairing, remodeling and renovating the Brox Building. 2. That said repairing, remodeling and renovating include the following: (a) Repair of windows and doors, (b) Adding and removing walls and partitions for cells and other necessary facilities, (c) Any other repair, remodeling or renovation deemed necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Brox Building Renovation Committee to enable the Police Department to move into the Brox Building, (d) Any other repair, remodeling or renovation deemed necessary or convenient in the opinion of the Brox Building Renovation Committee. 3. That the Brox Building Renovation Committee be authorized to enter into any contracts or do anything which may be necessary or convenient in carrying out the purposes of this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Assessors to hire a professional appraisal firm to revalue real estate in the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Assessors to perform duties relating to any equalization or revaluation of the Town; to authorize the Assessors to hire themselves at the rate of Four ($4.00) Dollars per hour and to hire such other necessary assistance as the Assessors may deem necessary or convenient; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen for the purchase of a new dump truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in or sell any present Highway Department Truck and apply the proceeds thereof towards the cost of said new dump truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to defray the cost of erecting school zone traffic signs in the area of the Red Oak School and the Donaghue School in accordance with permits from the Department of Public Works numbered B-648 and B-649 respectively; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to (A) Authorize the Conservation Commission to purchase, in fee, or any other interest therein, for conservation purposes, from the Boston and Maine Railroad, or its trustee in bankruptcy, a certain parcel of land approximately eighty (80) feet wide commencing at the Massachusett/New Hampshire border and running a distance of approximately two (2) miles to land now or formerly of Edgemont Manufacturing Company, being shown on a plan entitled "Boston and Maine Corp., VAL. SEC 7.6 Maps 4, 5, 6, Merrimac, Mass., Office of VIS PRES ENG, Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet, 8.6-19-73", (B) That a sum of money be raised and appropriated and a sum of money be transferred from the Conservation Fund to defray the cost and expenses of said purchase, (C) That the Conservation Commission be authorized to apply for and receive any State or Federal assistance which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen for the purchase of a Police cruiser and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in or sell any present Police cruiser and to use the proceeds thereof towards the purchase of said new cruiser; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate

or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen for the erection of a tower and moving and installing of Police equipment and radio at the Brox Building; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be paid to the Haverhill Newburyport Mental Health and Retardation Area Board for the purpose of rendering mental health and mental retardation services to residents of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file applications under Section 466E, Title 33, of the United States Code for grants to be made by the United States to aid in defraying the costs of construction of the sewerage treatment works, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to furnish such information and to take other such action as may be necessary to enable the Town to qualify for the grant; to agree that if such a grant is made, the Town will pay all of the remaining costs of the approved project over and above the amount of the grant; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Building Code Board of Appeals for the purpose of hearing appeals pertaining to a Building Inspector's actions in accord with the provisions contained in the State Building Code, Section 126.8, which became effective on January 1, 1975, said Board to consist of five (5) members, one member to be appointed for five (5) years, one member for four (4) years, one member for three (3) years, one member for two (2) years, and one member to serve for one (1) year, and thereafter, each new member is to serve for five (5) years or until his successor has been appointed; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town by adding to Article IV, Section 10 the following; "All Town employees who work thirty (30) hours or more per week shall be entitled to the same vacation, sick leave and holiday benefits as full time employees"; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30. On Petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to acknowledge the acceptance as public ways of all streets and ways in existence at the time zoning laws became effective in Merrimac, providing these street and ways were recorded at the Registry of Deeds at Salem, Massachusetts, at the Town Clerk's Office - were in use and available to the public, and were taxed as having road frontage by the Town Assessors; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 31. On petition of the Planning Board of the Town of Merrimac to see if the Town will vote to accept and endorse for Merrimac, the Master Plan as completed by the Planning Board, dated, February 1964 and adopt as the Town's official map that map illustrated in this Master Plan on Page 89 (Map VIII-I) entitled "Existing street classification"; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Merrimac by deleting the third paragraph of Section XV and substituting in place thereof the following: 3. The excavation of these materials for commercial purposes shall be permitted in any district only by the granting of a temporary permit by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section d of Article XIX of this ordinance and in all cases subject to the following regulations; A. A plan of existing topography, prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer showing 5-foot contour intervals and with elevations relations related to USCS data, B. A log of soil borings taken to the depth of the proposed excavation. The number of borings taken will vary with the size and geological makeup of the site and may be decided by the R.P.E. preparing the site. C. A topographical map showing final grades, drainage facilities, etc. after excavation and in dictating features of the Restoration Standards which follow in Part f. D. The application for permit must be accompanied by a fee of $25 nonrefundable. E. Operations Standards: 1. No excavation not intended for approved building purposes will be closer than 200 feet to an existing public way unless specifically permitted by the Selectmen; and no excavation will approach neighboring lot lines closer than 50 feet where excavation is not permitted. Natural vegetation shall be left and maintained on the undisturbed land for screening and noise reduction purposes. 2. Operation hours shall be only between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and loaded trucks may leave prescribed premises only within such hours. All loaded vehicles shall be suitable covered to prevent dust and contents from spilling and blowing from the load. 3. The active gravel removal operation area shall not exceed a total area of 2 acres at any one time. 4. All trucking routes and methods will be subject to approval of the Chief of Police. 5. All access roads leading to public ways shall be treated with oil, stone, or other suitable material to reduce dust and mud for a distance of 200 feet back from said public way. 6. Access roads shall be constructed at an angle to the public way or constructed with a curve so as to help screen the operation from public view. 7. No gravel shall be removed closer to spring high water table that would preclude its subsequent re-use according to existing public health standards. This elevation shall be established from a test pit and the level related to a permanent monument on the property. This information shall show on the topographic plan. Water table to be determined by the R.P.E. preparing plans from two springtime observations at least three weeks apart. 8. During operations, when an excavation is located closer than 200 feet to a residential area or public

way and where the excavation will have a depth of more than 15 feet with a slope in excess of 1:1, a fence at least 6 feet high shall be erected to limit access to this area. 9. No area shall be excavated so as to cause accumulation of free standing water. Permanent drainage shall be provided as needed in accordance with good conservation practices. Drainage shall not lead directly into streams or ponds. 10. All topsoil and subsoil shall be stripped from the operation area and stockpiled for use in restoring the area after the removal operation has ceased. 11. Any temporary shelters or buildings erected on the premises for use by personnel or storage of equipment shall be screened from public view as much as possible. These structures shall be removed from the premises within 30 days after they are no longer needed. 12. The Selectmen or their agents shall be free to inspect the premises at any time. 13. No excavation shall be allowed closer than 200 feet from a natural stream. f. Restoration Standards: 1. No slope shall be left with a slope steeper than 3:1 - approximately 33°. 2. All debris, stumps, boulders etc. shall be removed from the site and disposed of in an approved location, or in the case of inorganic material, buried and covered with a minimum of two feet of soil. 3. Following excavation and as soon as possible thereafter, ground levels and grades shall be established as shown on the completed topographical plan. 4. Retained subsoil and topsoil shall be respread over the disturbed area to a minimum depth of 4 inches. This soil shall be treated with 3 tons of lime per acre and 1,000 pounds of 10-10-10 fertilizer per acre and seeded with a grass or legume mixture prescribed by the Conservation District. Trees or shrubs of prescribed species will be planted in order to provide screening, natural beauty, and to reduce erosion. The planted area shall be protected from erosion during the establishment period using good conservation practices. 5. Upon completion of the operation, the land shall be left so that natural storm drainage leaves the property at the original natural storm drainage points and so that the area of drainage to any one point is not increased. 6. Within six months after termination of gravel operations, all equipment, buildings, structures, and unsightly evidence of operations shall be removed from the premises. 7. A performance bond of $2,000 per acre shall be required. 8. This Earth Removal By-Law shall be enforced by the Board of Selectmen aided and guided by the Conservation Commission which shall be empowered to inspect the site at any time. Noncompliance with the by-law or any part thereof shall be reason for revoking the permit and forfeiture of the bond(s); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 45, Section 21 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 893 of the Acts of 1971, to authorize the Conservation Commission to appoint a special Town Forest Committee to be in charge of the management and care of the Town Forest; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to Robert R. and Jane E. Sargent a parcel of land located near Sargent's Pond and containing approximately 4,179.67 square feet and in exchange to accept a deed from said Robert R. and Jane E. Sargent to the Town of Merrimac of a parcel of land near Sargent's Pond containing approximately 34,186.74 square feet, both of said parcels being shown on a plan entitled, "Plan Showing a Portion of the Boundary Line Between Land of the Town of Merrimac and land of Robert R. and Jane E. Sargent as revised November 20, 1974, Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet, Clinton Foster Goodwin, Registered Land Surveyor, 25 Washington Square, Haverhill, Massachusetts", said exchange of land to be for water supply purposes; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all deeds and other instruments necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this vote; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Merrimac by adding to Article III the following sections: "Section 9. Members absent from one-third of the regular meetings in any calender year may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the other members present and voting. Said Committee shall choose its own officers. The members of said Committee shall serve without salary. Section 10. The Finance Committee shall have authority at any time to investigate the books, accounts and management of any department of the Town, and to employ such expert and other assistance as it may deem advisable for that purpose and the books and accounts of all departments and officers of the Town shall be open to the inspection of the Committee and any person employed by it for that purpose. The Committee will make public such findings in a report to the Town"; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town by deleting the words "One-Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars" in the first sentence of Section 4 of Article IV and substituting in place thereof the words "Two-Thousand ($2,000.00) Dollars"; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 25 of the Annual Town Meeting on May 6, 1974 and any rules or regulation promulgated thereunder and to amend the By-Laws of the Town by deleting Section 5 of Article XIII so that Article XIII of the By-Laws would read as it did prior to the amendment; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action of the Town Meeting under Articles 21 and 27 of the Annual Town Meeting held on February 23, 1970; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following

resolution: "WHEREAS, the Town of Merrimac is annually required to raise funds on the property tax for support of State enacted programs, and ; WHEREAS, The Town of Merrimac does not receive its full entitlement under most State Aid categories, and; WHEREAS, the burden to raise all these funds fall squarely on the taxpayers of the Town of Merrimac, and; WHEREAS, only a small amount of revenue from the State is received in the Town of Merrimac for municipal services not related to education, and; WHEREAS, the property taxpayers of the Town of Merrimac can no longer afford to carry the heaviest burden of taxation on the local taxes, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of the Town of Merrimac do hereby call upon their legislators and the other members of the General Court along with the Governor to vote in favor of a program of municipal aid and additional educational aid during this legislative session and to redistribute the tax burden through use of the less regressive forms of taxes available at the state level, such as sales and/or income tax,"; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to designate River Road as a Scenic Road under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 15c; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Changing Town Government; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Department of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 14th day of April, 1975.

H. FRANCIS DRENTH
GEORGE P. STEVENS
NANCY C. MacGREGOR
Board of Selectmen

Annual Report
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
of the
TOWN OF MERRIMAC
For The Year Ending
December 31, 1974

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 104th annual printed school report.

FRANCIS G. RONAN, Chairman
DAVID W. SHAW, Vice Chairman
JOSEPH R. BURKE, Secretary
EIDA V. JERVEY
DANIEL S. GULEZIAN (Resigned 12/2/74)
PETER MANN (Appointed 12/18/74)

SCHOOL OFFICERS

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Assumed Principalship of the Red Oak School 12/9/74

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WORKING CERTIFICATES:
Pentucket Regional High School, Guidance Department

SCHOOL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT 1974

To the Selectmen and the Citizens of Merrimac:

The Merrimac School Committee submits this report for the year 1974. For the educational program in Grades 7-12 please turn to the Pentucket Regional School Committee report. For vocational activities in the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School, of which this town is a member, please turn to the Whittier report.

School Expenditures

Over the past few years your School Committees have reviewed the everchanging duties and obligations of an educational nature that affect your schools and school budgets. You are familiar with most of these through the efforts of the various media that reach into your home. As you know the Committees have accepted these responsibilities because they were the law of the Commonwealth which the members are sworn to uphold. The most visible of these has been Chapter 766 which prescribed diagnosis, evaluation and remediation of special education children. A careful examination of this recent legislation shows that in a number of cases, the burden of education, pupil health and rehabilitation has been transferred from other public agencies to the schools. In a few cases th pupils have been even maintained in special schools but their cost has been ascribed to the local schools.

These laws have added to the cost of the education of our children. Their humanitarian purpose for the child and society cannot be questioned. The responsibility for carrying out these laws was placed on School Committees because no other public or private agency could do as well. The School Committee did not seek these responsibilities but it is their duty to carry them out. These laws were well-meant but it is evident that the financing of these responsibilities has not kept pace with the actual implementation thereof.

But not all the responsibilities affecting your school budget have arisen as a result of educational legislation. We include some of these non-educational laws here not because we are opposed to the intent of the law so much as you should know the costs thereof are reflected in the school budget. Some of these related costs have a heavy impact in one school year and relatively minor impact thereafter. Some have a moderate cost annually.

Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)
Fair Labor Standards Act
Environmental Protection Laws
    Water Pollution - Air Pollution
Building Fire and Safety Laws
Collective Bargaining for Public Employees

Reimbursements for School Purposes

In the Fiscal Year 1975, the Town of Merrimac received nearly 60% of its school operation costs (Pentucket and the elementary schools) as reimbursement from the State. The amounts of money certified and/or received as indicated by the Cherry Sheet and other communications to the Town amounted to $808,770.00. The total amount of money raised for both schools was $1,348,583.00 (Pentucket $701,129 and $647,454.00 for the elementary schools.)

We point out these reimbursements because the State mandates the education of your children. The State recognizes its responsibility for financing education as evidenced, in part, by reimbursements. The State has preempted certain tax resources in its attempt to equalize the cost of education. That it has not assumed its full responsibility for education is evident to all of us. Hopefully, the present attempts of the Legislature will correct the present inequities.

Merrimac Pupils

Although this Committe is in charge of the Elementary grades only, this Committee summarizes the public school population for which the Town has responsibilities (10-1-74).

Elementary Pupils	
Kindergarten	70
Grades 1-6	579
Pentucket Regional	
Junior High	259
Senior High	224
Vocational Schools	
Whittier Regional	78

This Committee submits its record of stewardship for 1974 for your approval. Our accomplishments were made possible by the efforts of previous School Committees, town officials and many interested citizens. It is our hope to leave a legacy on which future Committees may build.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS G. RONAN, Chairman
JOSEPH R. BURKE
EIDA V. JERVEY
PETER MANN
DAVID W. SHAW
Merrimac School Committee

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF – MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Years in Merrimac
Helen R. Donaghue School				
Principal	Annette A. Autiello	B.S. Suffolk University 1966 M.Ed. Suffolk University 1969	9	7
Red Oak School				
Principal	Judson R. Merrill	A.B. Bowdoin College 1948 M.Ed. Suffolk University 1959	22	Began 12/9/74
INTERMEDIATE UNIT:				
	Dawn Rae Allen	B.S. Salem State College	7	7
	Nancy W. Deminie	B.A. University of N.H. 1953	16	16
	Jane K. Sheedy	B.A. University of Mass. 1967	7	7
	Nancy A. Draper	B.S. Keene State College 1969	4	Leave of Absence
	Genevieve Smithson	Posse School of Phys. Ed. 1938	22	16
	John L. Randall, III	B.Ed. Keene Teachers' College 1962	13	7
	Edward Martin	B.S. Salem State College 1965	9	9
	Patricia M. Condon	B.S. Gordon College 1953	18	11
	Mary H. Coughlin	A.B. Merrimack College 1961 M.A. Salem State College 1964	14	7
	Roy M. Campbell	B.S. Gordon College 1971	4	4
	Rosalie M. Scher	B.S. Farmington Teachers' College	8	5
	Gretchen J. Scholten	B.A. Univerity of Mass. 1971	3	3

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF – MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Years In Merrimac
PRIMARY UNIT:				
	Constance L. Gordon	B.S. University of Maine 1969	6	6
	Linda M. Brackett	B.S. Lowell State College 1970	5	5
	Barbara M. Taylor	B.S. Gordon College 1967	9	8
	Lilyan H. Cummings	Tufts University	7	7
	Marion F. Johnson	B.S. University of N.H. 1949 M.Ed. Salem State College 1965	26	18
	Joanne Fitzgerald	B.S. Salem State College 1969	6	6
	Constance C. Dublin	B.S. Lowell State College 1960	14	7
	Jean M. Connor	B.S. Salem State College 1970	5	5
	Richard R. Jervey	B.S. North Adams State 1974	0	Began 9/1/74
	Deborah L. Shaw	B.S. Lowell State College 1972	3	3
	Linda M. Gilmartin	B.S. Salem State College 1971	4	4
	Angela Baldassare	B.S. Salem State College 1972	2.6	2.6
	Martha A. Shanahan	B.S. State College at Westfield '71	4	4
	Ellen C. Bettencourt	B.S. Lowell State College 1972	3	3
Art Supervisor	Nancy Perkins	M.Ed. University of Mass.	16	11
Vocal Music	Veronica E. Laite	B.A. Madonna College, Mich. 1967	11	6
Instrumental Music	Kenneth E. Kozak	M.M.Ed. Lowell State College 1968	6	3

Speech Therapist	Priscilla D. Hull	B.S. Emerson College 1964	10	8
Special Education	Thomas F. Moughan	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1964	11	7
Reading & Perceptually Handicapped Consulting Teacher	Ellenmarie A. Widman	B.Ed. Keene State College 1968 M.S. University of N.H. 1972	7	7
Specific Learning Disabilities	Joanne E. Redding	B.A. Wheaton College 1954	8	2
Adjustment Counselor	Lucia A. DePamphilis	B.S. State College at Framingham M.Ed. Salem State College 1970	6	6
Physical Education	Priscilla P. Wilson	B.S. Russell Sage College 1950 M.Ed. Boston University 1973	11	7

1974 - 1975
SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL UNION No. 53
Merrimac - approved 6-19-74

1974		
September		
3	Tuesday	Orientation: Teachers
4	Wednesday	School opens for Pupils
9	Monday	School opens for Kindergarten
October		
14	Monday	Holiday - no school Columbus Day
28	Monday	Holiday - no school Veterans Day
November		
8	Friday	Schools closed - Parent-Teachers Conf. K-6
		Ends 1st quarter - 45 days
27	Wednesday	Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving Holiday
December		
2	Monday	Schools open
20	Friday	Schools close end-of-day for the Christmas Holidays
1975		
January		
2	Thursday	Schools open
15	Wednesday	Schools closed - Martin Luther King Day
24	Friday	Ends 2nd quarter - 45 days
		K a.m./p.m. reversals
February		
14	Friday	Schools close for Winter Vacation
24	Monday	Schools open
March		
28	Friday	Schools closed - Good Friday
April		
11	Friday	Schools close - Spring Vacation
		Ends 3rd quarter - 49 days
21	Monday	Schools closed - Patriot's Day
May		
26	Monday	Schools closed - Memorial Day Observance
June		
17	Tuesday	180th day, if no days out.
20	Friday	Last day of School (Half-day)
		Ends 4th quarter - 44 days

(183 days)

MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
1976 BUDGET
(Voted March 19, 1975)

		Requested 1975	Requested 1976
	1000 SERIES – ADMINISTRATION		
1100	SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
314	Contracted Services - School Union	1,333.00	1,900.00
316	Other Expenses	1,370.00	875.00
1200	SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE		
311	Salaries, Professional - School Union	11,268.00	12,667.00
312	Salaries, Office	6,210.00	6,983.00
314	Contracted Services	None	200.00
315	Supplies & Materials	600.00	1,000.00
316	Other Expenses	667.00	801.00
	2000 SERIES – INSTRUCTION		
2200	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE		
311	Administrative Salaries	33,636.00	37,251.00
312	Office Clerical Salaries	10,310.00	12,000.00
314	Contracted Services	None	950.00
315	Supplies & Materials	400.00	600.00
316	Other Expenses	800.00	1,000.00
2300	TEACHING		
311	Salaries, Professional	383,909.00	382,799.00
312	Salaries, Non-Professional	7,560.00	8,100.00
314	Contracted Services	510.00	1,000.00
315	Supplies & Materials	21,952.00	35,009.00
316	Travel & Dues	None	200.00
2500	LIBRARY/INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA		
311	Salaries, Professional	5,970.00	6,760.00
315	Supplies & Materials	200.00	250.00
	3000 SERIES – OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
3200	HEALTH SERVICES		
311	Salaries, Professional	9,850.00	10,965.00
315	Supplies & Materials	125.00	175.00
316	Other Expenses	50.00	100.00
3370	TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTED SERVICES	31,500.00	34,175.00
3400	FOOD SERVICES		
313	Salaries, Manager	4,490.00	4,900.00
312	Lunch Aides	6,660.00	7,200.00

3500 SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE			
		100.00	100.00
	4000 SERIES – OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
4110 CUSTODIAL SERVICES			
313	Salaries	38,850.00	35,260.00
	Helen R. Donaghue - $20,100		
	Red Oak - $15,160		
315	Supplies & Materials	3,500.00	4,500.00
	Helen R. Donaghue - $2,700		
	Red Oak - $1,700		
	Supt's. Office - $100		
4120 HEATING OF BUILDINGS			
	Helen R. Donaghue - $13,300	14,580.00	20,200.00
	Red Oak - $6,900		
4130 UTILITY SERVICES			
315	Telephones	1,435.00	1,800.00
	Helen R. Donaghue - $800		
	Red Oak - $700		
	Supt's Office - $300		
315	Utilities - Supt's. Office	Inc. in 1100:316	600.00
4210 MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS			
314	Contracted Services	700.00	700.00
315	Supplies	None	200.00
4220 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS			
313	Salaries - Maintenance	None	5,125.00
314	Contracted Services	10,225.00	14,750.00
315	Supplies & Materials		2,700.00
4230 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT			
		1,160.00	1,500.00
	7000 SERIES – ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		
7300 ACQUISTION OF EQUIPMENT (Fixed Assets)			
318	Library Books - $1,200	2,730.00	3,296.00
318	Equipment - $2,096		
7400 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT			
		2,750.00	5,635.00
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS			
	(Chap. 74)	2,000.00	2,000.00

SCHEDULE B

2300B INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES		
311B Teaching Salaries	38,334.00	60,183.00
312B Clerical	None	900.00
314B Contracted Services	3,000.00	3,00.00
315B Supplies & Materials	720.00	1,000.00
316B Other Expenses	None	350.00
2400B TEXTBOOKS		
315B Textbooks & Workbooks	In supplies	600.00
3200B HEALTH SERVICES		
	None	500.00
3770B TRANSPORTATION		
314B Contracted Services	10,000.00	13,000.00
7300B FIXED ASSETS		
	None	2,672.00
9000B OTHER SCHOOL PROGRAMS		
	5,000.00	6,000.00
	674,454.00	
Less: Town Meeting Deduction	27,000.00	
	647,454.00	754,431.00

Report of the

PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For The

Year Ending December 31, 1974

In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16K, the Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits its 21st annual report to each of the member towns.

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PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Annual Report, 1974

To the Selectmen and the Citizens
of Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury:

This Committee submits this report on its management of your schools during the 1974 Calendar Year. In addition to the narrative portion of the report, financial and other aspects of the school follow this brief presentation. Each year we review with you briefly some of the significant developments in education, legislation or management. We are following the same procedures this year.

In the 1972 report to the Towns we reviewed with you the types of decisions that the School Committee faces and their consequences. We reviewed the decision-making processes and how it affects the operation of the schools, and other critical concerns. We will not repeat those concerns here except to report that the building maintenance report of a year ago indicated a roof problem at the junior high school. This is to report that a legal settlement was reached and accepted – the District accepted a $70,000.00 settlement.

Relocation of Central Administration Offices

Effective September 1, 1973 the administrative offices for the Regional School District and the School Superintendency Union were moved to the John C. Page School in West Newbury. The move was necessitated by the cramped administrative quarters at the Senior High School Building. Ample space is now available for the central office personnel to provide more efficient services to all interested parties.

Curriculum Changes

In our rapidly changing society in which all aspects of our culture are undergoing criticism and change, we find the same observations applied to on-going educational program. On-going curriculum examinations have always been part of the desires of committees and citizens. Pentucket has shared these improvements with its pupils and continues to do so. Many of the changes are improvements in contents and/or process and do not generate too much notice. Others are much more visible and we would like to single them out for you. During 1973 a work-study program was initiated to combine the world of work with the academic program. This program holds much promise if cooperate needs can be determined and shared.

Another significant change at the Regional School level was the introduction of instruction for those pupils with relatively severe handicaps in reading, now called Specific Learning Disabilities. Although concerted efforts have been made in schools for many years to overcome these handicaps, additional knowledge in the diagnosis and remediation of these handicaps raises new hopes to improve the reading levels of these children, children who have normal ability but have a limiting dysfunction.

Both of these changes and more are mandated in the implementation of Chapter 766 which goes into effect September 1, 1974. Although many of you have read and heard much of the impact of this legislation, its significance and impact is such that this Committee will devote the balance of this report to the new law.

Special Education

You may have noticed a significant change in this year's budget in comparison to previous budgets with the inclusion of a section specifically detailing the impact of Chapter 766 (Acts of 1972) dealing with children with special needs. Because of the complexity and the ramifications of this legislation, we are attaching a very brief summarization of the legislation on the following pages. This brief presentation is inadequate for a complete understanding of the impact of Chapter 766. For those who may want or need further clarification, materials to this effect will be found at the Central Administration Office.

Special Education – A New Program

In spite of the concern expressed oftentimes by individuals as to the validity of including these services in the school budget, until the laws pertaining to these services are repealed, this Committee is compelled to include them. Critics should keep in mind (1) that the Schools did not ask for this inclusion and (2) that the legislature placed these services under the jurisdiction of the schools because it believed no other public, or private, agency could provide the needed services as reasonably and efficiently.

Reports to the legislators held that in spite of the best intentions, and some remarkable courage and wisdom in the past, statewide studies showed that the handicapped in Massachusetts continued to be neglected and near-forgotten as a group. Although the lot of the

handicapped was improving very slowly and painfully, it was not considered adequate by those who looked at it closely. For instance, institutionalization of special children, long an established policy, was considered less than a success. The present legislation aims at the prospect of each individual living at home, or in a desired placement.

Important Definition Under This Legislation

"School age child", any person of ages three through twenty-one who has not attained a high school diploma or its equivalent

"School age child with special needs", a school age child who, because of temporary or more permanent adjustment difficulties or attributes arising from intellectual, sensory, emotional, or physical factors, cerebral dysfunctions, perceptual factors, or other specific learning disabilities or any combination thereof, is unable to progress effectively in a regular school program and requires special classes, instruction periods, or other special education services in order to successfully develop his individual educational potential.

Program Requirements

Children receiving or requiring special education shall be entitled to participate in any of the following programs: (1) additional direct or indirect instruction consultation service, materials, equipment or aid provided children or their regular classroom teachers which directly benefits children requiring special education; (2) supplementary individual or small group instruction or treatment in conjunction with a regular classroom program; (3) integrated programs in which children are assigned to special resource classrooms but attend regular classes to the extent that they are able to function therein; (4) full-time special class teaching or treatment in a public school building; (5) teaching or treatment at home; (6) full-time teaching or treatment in a special day school or other day facility; (7) teaching or treatment at a hospital; (8) teaching or treatment at a short or long term residential school; (9) occupational and pre-occupational training in conjunction with the regular occupational training program in a public school; (10) occupational and pre-occupational training in conjunction with full-time special class teaching in a public school building, at home, special day school or other day facility, hospital, or short or long-term residential school; (11) any combination or modification of programs (1) through (10) or other programs, services, treatments or experimental provisions which obtain the prior approval of the department.

Child Assessment

Those persons assessing said child shall maintain a complete and specific record of diagnostic procedures attempted and their results, the conclusions reached, the suggested courses of special education and medical treatment best suited to the child's needs, and the specific benefits expected from such action. A suggested special education program may include family guidance or counseling services. When the suggested course of study is other than regular education those persons assessing said child shall present a method of monitoring the benefits of such special education and conditions that would indicate that the child should return to regular classes, and a comparison of expected outcomes in regular class placement.

If a child with special needs requires medical or psychological treatment as part of a special education program provided pursuant to this section, or if his parent or guardian requires social services related to the child's special needs, such treatment or services, or both, shall be made available, in accordance with regulations promulgated jointly by the departments of education, mental health, public health and public welfare in connection with the child's special education program.

Additional Planning

As evident in the above paragraphs much effort is being given to making your schools the kind of schools that the community wants. There are other items of concern to all of you that the Committee is working on. Since these are in study form they will be mentioned only. The three large areas of concern are: curriculum and scheduling changes, long-range plans for athletic facilities, and long-range grounds and building facilities.

And finally, we are not insensitive to the critics of our programs. Because we place a high value on our youth, we support the level of services that the community, directly or indirectly demands.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT V. CARR, Chairman
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Pentucket Regional School Committee

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF 1974 - 1975

PENTUCKET REGIONAL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Principal High School	Alexander S. Johnston	B.S. Springfield College 1949 M.S. University of Mass. 1957	5
Assistant Principal	Bertram D. Fecteau	M.Ed. Boston University 1955	10
Principal Junior High	Francis J. Ferreira	M.Ed. Salem State College 1964	15
Assistant Principal	William H. Whiting	M.Ed. Northeastern University 1961	15
Guidance Director	Robert R. Fanning	M.Ed. Salem State College 1964	11
Guidance	Kenneth B. Wood	M.Ed. Salem State College 1964	13
Guidance	Dorothy M. Mesle	M.Ed. Salem State College 1964	11
Guidance	Beryl Bagni	B.S. University of Mass. 1948	5
Guidance	John J. O'Wril	B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1963	8
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Laura J. Carley	B.S. Bridgewater State College 1967	8
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Nancy L. Hurld	B.A. Lea College, Minnesota 1972	2
Boys' Phys. Ed. Dir.	Thomas J. Flaherty	M.A.T. Brown University 1961	12
Boys' Phys. Ed.	Raymond E. Stickney	B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1964	11
Boys' Phys. Ed.	Roger R. Lambert	B.S. Springfield College 1972	3
English Dept. Head H.S.	Ronald L. Fenerty	M.Ed. University of N.H. 1969	14
English	Stephen Voltero	B.S. Merrimack College 1962	11
English	Helen M. McKittrick	A.B. Marymount College 1968 M.A. Wesleyan University 1973	6

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
English	Karen A. Wheeler	A.B. Simmons College 1967	5
English	Mary K. Gaffney	B.S. Boston College 1963	4
English	Susan J. Noyes	B.A. Bridgewater State 1972	2
English Dept. Head Jr.H.	Albert E. Belanger	B.S. Salem State College 1961 M.A.T. Salem State 1974	9
English	Janice A. Fowler	B.S. Northeastern University 1967	8
English	William J. Martin	B.S. Northeastern University 1966	9
English	Dorothy A. Rostosky	B.S. Lyndon Teachers College 1963	8
English	Constance L. Fall	B.S. Salem State College 1968	Leave of Absence
English	Lawrence W. Faye	B.A. Merrimack College	3
English	Jeffrey L. Hogan	B.A. University of N.H. 1969 M.A. University of N.H. 1971	4
English	Mary E. Parry	B.S. Salem State 1960	5
English	Antonio J. Marino, Jr.	B.A. Westfield State College 1966	2
Reading Dept. Head	William B. Normand	M.Ed. Salem State College 1966	5
Reading	H. June Denault	B.S. Salem State College 1970	5
Reading	Kathleen Owens	B.A. Emmanuel College 1962	6
Reading	Marijane V. Natalie	B.S. Boston College	3
Reading	Catherine L. Dower	B.A. Salem State College 1970	4
Language Dept. Head	Richard H. Olson	B.A. St. Lawrence University 1966 M.A. Middlebury College 1967	5

Latin, English	Richard L. Canepa	B.A. Brown University 1962 M.Ed. Salem State College 1967	11
French	Roger Roy	B.A. Marist College 1964	10
French	John E. Durant	A.B. St. Anselm's College 1963	7
Lab. Assistant	Simone Zalewski	Cour Complementair Commercial, Paris	12
Spanish-French	Linda H. Beaton	B.A. Trinity University 1964	Leave of Absence
Spanish	Hazel W. Owen	A.B. Boston University 1941	12
Phys. Science Dept. Hd. H.S.	Robert F. Knights	M.Ed. Harvard University	17
Biological Science Dept. Hd.	Melvin H. Pollack	B.S. Boston University 1958	17
Biology	Winifred B. Potter	B.A. Franklin & Marshall College '71	Began 9/1/74
Science	Joseph J. Derro, Jr.	B.S. North Carolina State 1954 M.Ed. Salem State College 1966	17
Science	Dudley W. Baldwin	B.S. Mass. College of Pharmacy 1957 M.S. Worcester Polytechnic Institute '72	11
Science Dept. Hd. Jr. H.	Robert E. Anton	B.S. University of Mass. 1957 M.S. Boston College 1974	10
Science	James C. Connor	M.Ed. Boston University 1971	10
Science	Mildred E. Kelley	M.Ed. University of Maine 1971	7.5
Science	Edward W. Monroe	B.S. Salem State College 1967	6
Science	Stephen H. Meline	A.B. Boston University 1970 M.S. Boston College 1974	5
Science	Walter D. Clark	B.S. Texas A. & M. University 1963	5
Science	Harold W. Hutchins	B.A. University of N.H. 1968	4.5
Social Studies Dept. Hd. Sr. H.S.	Joseph Sherry	M.Ed. Salem State College 1967	12
Social Studies	Herman T. Diehl, Jr.	B.S. University of Maine 1961	7

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Social Studies Dept. Hd. Jr. H.S.	Minas Dakos	M.Ed. Salem State College 1969	12
Social Studies	Marilyn Hershfield	M.A. Boston University 1946	8
Social Studies	Gerry J. Hull	A.B. University of Mass. 1965 M.A. Salem State College 1971	10
Social Studies	Robert P. Ruszkowski	B.S. Salem State Teachers' College '65	10
Social Studies	David G. Buckley	B.A. Gordon College 1963	9
Social Studies	George P. Michaleas	B.S. Salem State College 1966	8
Social Studies	Stephen E. Denihan	A.B. Merrimack College 1963	6
Social Studies	David E. Morse	B.S. Springfield College 1968	7
Social Studies	Wayne C. Sylvester	B.A. Bridgewater State 1969 M.S. University of Wisconsin 1971	4
Social Studies	William H. Claffey	B.S. Salem State College 1973	2
Social Studies	Richard W. Dower	A.B. State College at Westfield 1970	2
Math Dept. Hd., H.S.	Arnold G. Zins	B.A. Amherst College 1964	16
Math Dept. Hd., Jr. H.	Raymond L. MacNeil	M.Ed. Salem State College 1967	13
Mathematics	Alan L. Mason	B.S. Salem State College 1965	8
Mathematics	David D. Moore	M.S. Clarkson College 1970	8
Mathematics	David H. Bickum	M.Ed. Western Conn. State College '69	6
Mathematics	Janice M. Hegan	B.A. Salem State College 1970	5
Mathematics	Nancy A. Allison	B.Ed. Bridgewater State 1964 M.S. Clarkson University 1973	7

Mathematics	George J. DeLawrence	B.S. Salem State College 1958	7
Mathematics	Nelda I. Krukonis	B.S. Salem State College 1970	5
Mathematics	Joyce E. Young	B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1968	7
Mathematics	Dana B. Allison	B.A. Salem State College 1970	4
Mathematics	Dianne P. Freije	B.S. Salem State College 1972	3
Math/Science	Mary Eileen Clark	A.B. Bridgewater State College 1973	2
Business Dept. Head	John D. Ricker	B.E. Plymouth State College 1965	7
Business	William T. Loughlin	B.B.S. New Hampshire College 1966	8
Business	Donna Lynch	B.S. Salem State College 1969	6
Business	Kathleen M. Guenette	B.S. Salem State College 1970	5
Industrial Arts, Dept. Hd. Mechanical Drawing H.S.	Donald L. Pinciaro	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1964 M.Ed. Fitchburg State College 1974	11
Industrial Arts Woodworking	James D. Schultz	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1961	14
Industrial Arts	Gene A. Pisano	B.A. North Adams State College M.Ed. Fitchburg State College	5
Industrial Arts, Dept. Hd. Jr. H.	Michael A. Babin	B.Ed. Keene Teachers College 1965 M.Ed. Fitchburg State College 1973	7
Industrial Arts	Daniel T. McCarthy	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1969	6
Industrial Arts	Lawrence W. Cochran, Jr.	B.S. Worcester Polytechnic Inst.	Began 10/1/74
Home Economics Dept. Hd.	Mary V. Coder	B.S. Simmons College 1941	9
Home Economics	Jean H. Lowe	B.S. Framingham State College 1969	6
Home Economics	Gail T. Snell	B.S. University of Maine at Farmington 1960	Began 9/1/74
Vocal Music	Frank T. Esile	M. Lowell State College 1970	12
Music and Band	Robert W. Howard	B.S. Lowell State College 1962	9

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Vocal Music	Leon E. Renaud	B.S. Music Ed. Lowell State College '62	9
Music Instrumental & Vocal	Ralph Lambert	B.A. State College at Lowell	Began 9/30/74
Art Dept. Head	Nancy A. Norton	M.A.T. Assumption College 1962	Sabbatical
Art	Christopher D. Lima, Jr.	B.F.A. University of Mass. 1974	Began 9/1/74
Art	Peter Bodge	B.A. University of N.H. 1960	2
Art	Mary Ann Varoski	B.F.A. Nathaniel Hawthorne College	2
Art/Home Economics	Susan M. Dougherty	B.A. Mich. State University 1967	2
Librarian - Sr. H.S.	Ruth N. Parker	A.B. Coker College 1942	17
Librarian - Jr. H.S.	Sheila M. Callahan	B.A. Lowell State College 1971	3
Work-Study	Frank J. Orlando	B.A. Salem State College 1970	5
Specific Learning Disab.	Lauri J. Klein	B.S. Northeastern University 1973	Began 9/1/74

MERRIMAC GRADUATES – 1974

Annon, Roberta
Bridges, Beth
Brigham, Carole
Bruce, Janis
Buzzell, Gerald
Carroll, Derek
Cheney, Gary
Chevalier, Sally
Chirigotis, Peter
Croteau, Scott
Dame, Bruce
Degan, Peter
Deminie, Barbara
Dow, Catherine
Dustin, Carol
Ferrari, Dawn
Flynn, Charles
Gilmore, Patricia
Grant, Patricia
Gulezian, Matthew
Handerson, James
Hart, Karen
Heath, Richard
Hoyt, Douglas
Jakobek, Susan
Lane, Kathryn
Lay, George
Lay, Gerald
McMahon, Andrea
MacLeod, Judith
MacLeod, Marie
Mead, Jeffrey
Michel, Mark
Montigny, Susan
Murray, Kathleen
Nolan, Kevin
Perley, Arthur
Phaneuf, Linda
Powell, Brenda
Pryor, David
Reilly, Dennis
Richardson, Karen
Robinson, Keith
Rousseau, Michelle
Scherbon, Pamela
Sheehy, James
Shorey, David
Sloban, Frederick
Smithson, Jude
Stevens, Michael
Stewart, Carol
Sutherland, Sheryl
Tammik, Heidi
Thomas, Karen
Vance, William
Villeneuve, Craig
Wendt, Karen
Whiting, Meredith
Zelisko, Linda
Zinck, Michael

1974 - 1975
SCHOOL CALENDAR
PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL

1974		
September		
3	Tuesday	Orientation
4	Wednesday	School opens for Pupils
October		
14	Monday	Holiday - no school Columbus Day
28	Monday	Holiday - no school Veterans Day
November		
8	Friday	School closed - Teachers' In-Service 7-12
		Ends 1st quarter - 45 days
27	Wednesday	Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving Holiday
December		
2	Monday	Schools open
20	Friday	Schools close end-of-day for the Christmas Holidays
1975		
January		
2	Thursday	Schools open
15	Wednesday	Schools closed - Martin Luther King Day
24	Friday	Ends 2nd quarter - 45 days
February		
14	Friday	Schools close for Winter Vacation
24	Monday	Schools open
March		
28	Friday	Schools closed - Good Friday
April		
11	Friday	Schools close - Spring Vacation
		Ends 3rd quarter - 49 days
21	Monday	Schools closed - Patriot's Day
May		
26	Monday	Schools closed - Memorial Day Observance
June		
6	Friday	Last day for Seniors
7	Saturday	Graduation - 4:00 p.m.
16, 17, 18		Final Exams
17	Tuesday	180th day, if no days out
20	Friday	Last day of School (Half-day)
		Ends 4th quarter - 44 days
(183 days)		

PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT
1976 BUDGET
(Voted February 27, 1975)

		Appropriated 1975	Requested 1976
	1000 SERIES ADMINISTRATION		
1100	SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
311	Salaries, Professional	4,760.00	5,000.00
314	Contracted Services	5,320.00	6,500.00
315	Supplies & Materials	600.00	1,150.00
316	Other Expenses	800.00	4,450.00
1200	SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE		
311	Salaries, Professional	35,525.00	38,000.00
312	Salaries, Office	21,000.00	23,220.00
314	Contracted Services	600.00	700.00
315	Supplies & Materials	2,000.00	3,000.00
316	Other Expenses	1,400.00	1,400.00
	2000 SERIES INSTRUCTION		
2100	SUPERVISION		
311	Salaries, Professional	22,436.00	27,590.00
315	Supplies & Materials:		
	Sr. H.S.	604.00	2,100.00
	Jr. H.S.	604.00	475.00
2200	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE		
311	Administrative Salaries	75,640.00	83,499.00
312	Office Clerical Salaries	26,200.00	28,419.00
314	Contracted Services	7,200.00	10,600.00
315	Supplies & Materials:		
	Sr. H.S.	6,000.00	5,600.00
	Jr. H.S.	2,016.00	2,000.00
316	Other Expenses:		
	Sr. H.S.	1,530.00	1,465.00
	Jr. H.S.	765.00	825.00
2300	TEACHING		
311	Salaries, Professional	1,070,525.00	1,228,384.00
	Teaching Substitutes	20,000.00	20,000.00
	Teaching Tuition Reimbursement	6,000.00	6,000.00
312	Salaries, Non-Professional	24,050.00	28,586.00
314	Contracted Services:		
	Sr. H.S.	2,617.00	2,925.00
	Jr. H.S.	1,925.00	1,575.00
361	Summer School Salaries	100.00	100.00
315	Supplies & Materials:		
	Sr. H.S.	35,742.00	70,000.00
	Jr. H.S.	22,371.00	

316	Travel & Dues:		
	Sr. H.S.	1,500.00	2,855.00
	Jr. H.S.	871.00	
2400	TEXTBOOKS & WORKBOOKS		
315	Sr. H.S.	15,944.00	26,083.00
	Jr. H.S.	8,612.00	
2500	LIBRARY/INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA		
311	Salaries, Professional	22,737.00	25,115.00
312	Salaries, Non-Professional	12,000.00	12,744.00
314	Contracted Services:		
	Sr. H.S.	200.00	300.00
	Jr. H.S.	75.00	75.00
315	Supplies & Materials:		
	Sr. H.S.	3,000.00	3,500.00
	Jr. H.S.	1,219.00	1,300.00
316	Other Expenses	228.00	258.00
2600	AUDIO VISUAL		
315	Supplies & Materials:		
	Sr. H.S.	9,000.00	17,000.00
	Jr. H.S.	3,970.00	
2700	GUIDANCE		
311	Salaries, Professional	68,621.00	87,162.00
312	Salaries, Secretaries	10,450.00	12,782.00
314	Contracted Services	600.00	700.00
315	Supplies & Materials:		
	Sr. H.S.	882.00	1,597.00
	Jr. H.S.	442.00	1,500.00
316	Other Expenses:		
	Sr. H.S.	621.00	628.00
	Jr. H.S.	109.00	115.00
	3000 SERIES OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
3100	ATTENDANCE		
313	Salaries, Non-Professional	700.00	700.00
3200	HEALTH SERVICES		
311	Salaries, Professional	16,900.00	18,770.00
315	Supplies & Materials:		
	Sr. H.S.	150.00	250.00
	Jr. H.S.	150.00	200.00
316	Other Expenses:		
	Sr. H.S.	50.00	50.00
	Jr. H.S.	50.00	50.00
3310	OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES		
313	Salaries, Non-Professional	600.00	600.00

3370 TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTED SERVICES			
		155,195.00	161,705.00
3400 FOOD SERVICES			
313	Salaries, Non-Professional	10,470.00	11,500.00
3510 ATHLETICS			
311	Salaries, Professional	20,900.00	25,444.00
314	Contracted Services, Team Trans.	6,395.00	6,925.00
314	Contracted Services, Recondition.	3,800.00	7,500.00
315	Supplies & Materials	8,464.00	10,650.00
316	Other Expenses	360.00	475.00
316.1	Athletic Revolving Fund. Def.	446.00	1,000.00
3520 OTHER STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES			
311	Salaries, Professional	3,100.00	3,632.00
314	Contracted Services	1,580.00	1,950.00
315	Supplies & Materials	102.00	150.00
4000 SERIES OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT			
4110 CUSTODIAL SERVICES			
313	Salaries, Non-Professional	101,225.00	107,828.00
315	Supplies & Materials:		
	Sr. H.S.	4,000.00	4,500.00
	Jr. H.S.	4,000.00	4,500.00
4120 HEAT OF BUILDINGS			
		29,040.00	59,500.00
4130 UTILITY SERVICES			
		38,300.00	44,800.00
4210 MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS			
313	Salaries, Non-Professional	6,670.00	7,480.00
314	Contracted Services	10,000.00	10,400.00
315	Supplies & Materials	2,200.00	2,200.00
4220 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS			
313	Salaries, Non-Professional	11,980.00	12,250.00
314	Contracted Services	19,450.00	22,990.00
315	Supplies & Materials:		
	Sr. H.S.	3,000.00	3,500.00
	Jr. H.S.	3,000.00	3,500.00
316	Other Expenses	450.00	580.00
4230 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT			
314	Contracted Services:		
	Sr. H.S.	5,950.00	8,000.00
	Jr. H.S.	2,450.00	4,000.00
315	Supplies & Materials	1,000.00	1,000.00

5000 SERIES FIXED CHARGES

5100			
316	Employment Retirement	35,920.00	30,000.00
5200			
316	Insurance Program	38,000.00	40,000.00
5400			
317	Debt Service	9,000.00	6,000.00

7000 SERIES ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

7300	ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT		
318	Library Books: Sr. H.S.	2,200.00	4,680.00
	Equipment: Sr. H.S.	14,049.00	15,105.00
	Central Adm.		
	Cafeteria		
318	Library Books: Jr. H.S.	4,100.00	3,848.00
	Equipment: Jr. H.S.	5,479.00	4,855.00
7400	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT		
		16,302.00	18,000.00

8000 SERIES DEBT SERVICE AND RETIREMENT

8100			
317	Debt Retirement (Prin. Long Term)	195,000.00	195,000.00
8200			
317	Debt Service (Int. Long Term)	58,422.50	52,112.50
	SUB-TOTAL	2,410,010.50	2,715,456.50

SCHEDULE B

2300B	INSTRUCTIONAL		
311B	Instruction, Salaries	17,100.00	28,000.00
314B	Contracted Services	2,500.00	4,750.00
315B	Supplies & Materials	None	500.00
316B	Other Expenses	None	165.00
3200B	HEALTH SERVICES		
314B	Contracted Services	500.00	500.00
3370B	TRANSPORTATION		
314B	Contracted Services	10,000.00	15,000.00
7300B	ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT		
		1,513.00	None

9000B OTHER SCHOOL PROGRAMS		
314B - 100 Other Mass. Public Schools	4,000.00	6,000.00
- 200 Other Districts–Other States	3,000.00	12,000.00
- 300 Paym'ts to Non-Public Schools	14,000.00	7,500.00
SUB-TOTAL	52,613.00	74,415.00
TOTAL	2,462,623.50	2,789,871.50

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1976 BUDGET

COST DISTRIBUTION

Student Enrollments, by Towns and Percentage of Enrollment:

	Oct. 1 1974		1975 % of Total	1976 % of Total
Groveland	745	=	46.7327%	47.9717%
Merrimac	483	=	32.2772%	31.1011%
West Newbury	325	=	20.9901%	20.9272%
	1553		100.0000%	100.0000%

Budget for 1976		$2,789,871.50
Less:		
Transfer from Excess & Deficiency	22,270.50	
Estimated Receipts	305,151.00	
Total used to decrease 1976 assessments		327,421.50
Total to be raised		2,462,450.00

Assessment to Towns, based on Agreement

	1975	1976
Groveland's Share	1,015,132.00	1,181,279.00
Merrimac's Share	701,129.00	765,849.00
West Newbury's Share	455,949.00	515,322.00
	2,172,210.00	2,462,450.00

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DIRECTORY OF APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC

BOARD OF APPEALS (year term)

Richard Herbert, Ch	Term expires 1977
David W. Goodwin	1977
William J. Burns	1978
Robert MacLeod	1976
John T. Sheehan	1976

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS BOARD OF APPEALS

Karen Ehrig
Peter G. Conner

Appeals Board Secretary - Melinda Davis

SELECTMEN'S CLERK

Barbara A. Zeliske

TOWN ACCOUNTANT (3 year term)

Gertrude C. MacKenzie

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Mildred Harrington	Term expires 1977
Michael J. McLaughlin	1978
Arthur R. Cloyd	1976

LEGAL COUNSEL

Richard P. Hamel

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK - appointed by Town Clerk

Madeleine A. Lay

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF

Donald J. Montigny

SERGEANT

Alfred Nichols

PERMANENT FULL TIME PATROLMEN

David E. Chambers
Richard D. Smith
Roland L. Spinney
James A. Flynn, Jr.
Daniel Brodie (CETA Patrolman Trainee)

SERGEANT OF POLICEWOMEN - CLERK - DISPATCHER

M. Lucille Gamelin

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Glen D. Belinsky
Edward A. Cardona, Jr
Richard G. Noone
Raymond J. Bastarache
Brian W. Peavey
David N. Sharkey
Edward Syvinski

POLICE DISPATCHERS

Bruce M. Winthrop PT
Marilyn Darbo(CETA)
William P. McCarron (CETA)
Alfred M. Burns PT Dispatcher
David O. Hart PT Dispatcher
Barbara Dirago (CETA)

MATRONS & CROSSING GUARDS

Rachel L. Adams - Reserve
Gail E. Chambers

RESERVE MATRON-DISPATCHER-CLERK

Judy A. Willneff

MISC. SPECIAL OFFICERS

Kenneth W. Batchelder, Jr. - Donaghue School
Carl A. Dominie - Red Oak School
John S. Gilchrist - Grange Hall
Albert W. Lord - Economy Co-Op
William F. Roberts - Dog Officer
Frank J. Sewick - Volunteer Crossing Guard

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR HIGHWAY DEPT.

George MacGown
Verne Fisher
Francis Noone
Stanley Hardy
Gordon Rines

HONORARY POLICE CHIEFS

Alexander M. Sullivan
Maurice Carey

HONORARY POLICE OFFICERS

Fred A. Smith
Dr. Harry Bletner
George R. Buzzell
Frank Danforth
Thomas Chaff

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS

Harold J. Hume
David Stewart
Richard J. Powers

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Richard J. Powers

GAS INSPECTOR

Richard Pearson

WIRING INSPECTOR

Roy E. Keiser

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Robert Michel

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

DOG OFFICER

William F. Roberts

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

John Gilchrist

FENCE VIEWERS

Walter Perkins

G. T. Caruso

HEALTH NURSE)
Carlotte E. Stepanian)

INSPECTOR OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS)
Frederick Key) appointed by Bd of Health

INSPECTOR OF MILK AND ANIMALS)
George L. Pittman)

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS
George T. MacGown

VETERANS' SERVICE AND GRAVE OFFICER
VETERANS' AGENT AND BURIAL AGENT
Harrison DeLong

BRICK BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Forrest L. Bishop, Ch
Everett L. Cessar, Clerk
H. Francis Drenth
Raymond Bastarache
Richard Herbert
Ronald Shaw
Richard Powers
Donald J. Montigny, non voting member

SWORN WEIGHERS

George Waterhouse
Robert Stevenson
David W. Stewart
Paul Clancy
Ralph L. Buzzell

TOWN HALL JANITOR

Madeleine Lay

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 years)

Ronald Shaw, Ch.	Term expires	1978
Nathan Tufts		1978
Wallace Blanchard		1978
Walter Perkins		1976
Henry D. Lay		1976
Karen Zacharis		1976
Parker McLaren		1977

MERRIMAC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (5 years)

George U. Curry	Term expires	1978
Peter F. Smiles		1978
Robert McCarthy		1978
Harold J. Hume		1977
Charles E. Billups		1977
Kenneth G. Fowle		1976
James S. Smith		1976

COUNCIL ON AGING (not to exceed 4 years)

Karen Zacharis, Ch	term expires	1977	(3 years)
Nancy C. MacGregor		1977	" "
William H. Whiting		1977	" "
Charlotte E. Stepanian		1976	2 years
Inez L. Lund		1976	" "
Evelyn B. Merrill		-1976	1 year
Corrado Pirretta		1976	" "
Carole Sokolowski		1976	" "

Parker McLaren

MERRIMAC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Nancy Perkins, Ch
Nathan Tufts
Merrill B. Smith, Sr.
Ellsworth D. Cummins, Jr.
Karen Ehrig

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Evelyn Calnan, Ch
Dr. Frederick Sweetsir
Jeffrey Heyt
Kenneth G. Fowle
Dorothy Condon
Charlotte McCarron
Harold Waterhouse

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Wallace Blanchard
Beverly Allen
Karen Zacharis
Frank Sewick
John Gilchrist

GAS RATIONING BOARD

Beverly Allen
Wallace Blanchard
Karen Zacharis

MERRIMACK VALLEY HOME CARE CENTER REPRESENTATIVE

Inez L. Lund

STUDY COMMITTEE FOR A CHANGE IN TOWN GOVERNMENT

Clare McCarthy
Lucien Villeneuve
Bruce Evans
George Sacareb

STUDY COMMITTEE FOR A DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Warren Heyt, Ch
Charles Billups, Sec.
Eleanor McCarthy
John Buzzell
Henry D. Lay
Bruce Behan
James Whipple

FINANCE COMMITTEE TOWN OF MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS

Effective July 1, 1975

Harry Bowen,	35 South Pleasant street	346-8678
John E. Dunn	106 East Main street	346-8409
James A. Hume	47 Locust street	346-9343
Ronald A. Jewett	9 Glen Road	346-8665
James S. Smith	34 Winter street	346-8646
Deborah C. Willman	36 High street	346-9218
Robert N. Zacharis	25 Orchard street	346-9539

H. Parker McLaren
Moderator
Town of Merrimac

Submitted to Board of Selectmen June 20, 1975

cc: Town Clerk
Each of above members

Note to members: There will be an organizational meeting in the Town Offices on Wednesday July 2 to elect a chairman. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P. M.

OFFICE of the BOARD OF ASSESSORS

THE TOWN of MERRIMAC

MASSACHUSETTS 01860

Telephone: (617) 346-9022

May 15, 1975

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Merrimac, Mass.

Dear Madam & Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors have organized for the ensuing year as follows:

Walter D. Calnan, Chairman

Edmund L. Hamel, Clerk

J. Duncan How, Member

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Walter D. Calnan, Chairman

E. L. Hamel

J. How

s
cc: Town Clerk

Report of the

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS

1974

A summary of recommendations to be presented at
the Annual Town Meeting in Red Oak School

MAY 6, 1974

To The CITIZENS OF MERRIMAC:

The Finance Committee respectfully submits, for your approval, their budget recommendations for the year July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

The serious financial situation the Town is now faced with was kept foremost in our minds while each budget and special article was discussed and reviewed.

Due to the current inflationary trends we are all faced with, it has been virtually impossible to hold the line in all cases. However, the Finance Committee is in agreement that all requests are reasonable and justified. The one exception to the previous statement being the budget submitted by the Merrimac School Committee. We were unable to reach an agreed figure with the School Committee. The figure appearing in the Omnibus Articles is the amount we, The Finance Committee, felt was justified.

As a reminder to the Townspeople, the Finance Committee acts only as a watchdog for the taxpayers of the Town regarding financial matters. Any monies requested must be justified by each Department Head, Committee Chairman or individual, to you, on the Townmeeting floor.

Therefore, we urge the utmost restraint when considering any recommendations for increase to the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD W. PEARSON, Chairman
EDWARD F. MADDEN, Secretary
FORREST L. BISHOP
JOHN E. DUNN
DAVID A. DUTTON
BERNARD C. GOODWIN
JAMES S. SMITH

.24% Recreation

.41% Veterans Ben.

.67% Cemetery

1.05% Library

1.36% Health

1.38% Pensions

2.54% Water Dept.

2.76% General Gov't.

3.78% Unclassified

4.40% Highways

6.49% Mat. Debt & Int.

6.58% Protection

68.34% Schools

Local Schools	28.82%
Pent. Reg.	31.21%
Whittier Tech.	8.31%

RECAP
of
Reserve Fund

Appropriation:	25,000.00
Transferred to:	
Special Police Pur.	200.00
Election Off. Ex.	210.00
Used Pickup Truck	650.00
Interest T. A. N.	2,703.65
Interest Mat. Debt	262.86
Ambulance Service	338.40
	4,364.91
Estimated Transfers	20,000.00
	24,364.91

Item #	Appropriated 1973-6/30/74	Expended 1973	Estimated Expend. to 6/30/74		Recommended 7/1/74 to 6/30/75
			GENERAL GOVERNMENT 2.76% of Total		
			Moderator		
1	$ 18.00	$ 12.00	$ 6.00	Salary	$ 12.00
			Finance Committee		
2	750.00			Expenses	750.00
			Selectmen		
3	2,700.00	1,763.64	936.36	Salaries	1,800.00
4	3,324.00	2,942.24	381.76	Clerical Assis.	3,900.00
5	1,500.00	1,029.50	470.50	Expenses	1,000.00
			Accountant		
6	11,724.00	6,902.40	4,160.00	Salary	8,840.00
7	650.00		650.00	Clerical Assis.	
8	150.00	139.75	10.25	Expenses	100.00
			Treasurer		
9	1,800.00	1,200.00	600.00	Salary	1,200.00
10	600.00	487.03	112.97	Clerical Assis.	400.00
11	4,700.00	2,499.50	2,200.50	Expenses	3,100.00
			Tax Collector		
12	3,750.00	2,499.96	1,250.04	Salary	2,500.00
13	700.00	374.54	325.46	Clerical Assis.	700.00
14	3,400.00	1,174.55	2,225.45	Expenses	3,400.00
			Assessors		
15	2,700.00	1,800.00	900.00	Salaries	3,000.00
16	5,460.00	3,703.59	1,756.41	Clerical Assis.	4,000.00
17	4,410.00	2,556.76	1,853.24	Expenses	3,225.00
			Legal Suits & Expenses		
18	2,650.00	1,750.00	900.00	Salary-Twn Counsel	1,980.00
19	4,500.00	1,111.96	3,388.04	Expenses	4,500.00
			Town Clerk		
20	1,500.00	999.96	500.04	Salary	1,000.00
21	826.75	332.47	494.28	Expenses	510.00
			Registrars		
22	600.00	300.00	300.00	Salaries	300.00
23	515.25	173.21	342.04	Expenses	362.00
24	800.00	400.00	400.00	Census Taker	400.00
			Election Officers		
25	552.00	468.00	84.00	Wages	835.00
26	46.00	32.00	14.00	Expenses	71.00
			Planning Board		
27	800.00	62.80	737.20	Expenses	800.00

Item #	Appropriated 1973-6/30/74	Expended 1973	Estimated Expend. to 6/30/74		Recommended 7/1/74 to 6/30/75
			Appeals Board		
28	$ 800.00	$ 30.12	$ 69.88	Clerical Assis.	$ 100.00
29	300.00	98.09	201.91	Expenses	300.00
30	1,256.00	597.00	659.00	Bonding Twn. Officers	651.00
			Town Hall		
31	1,260.00	840.00	420.00	Janitor Salary	840.00
32	6,550.00	3,060.26	3,489.74	Maintenance	1,550.00
	$ 70,602.00	$39,341.00	$31,261.00	Total Gen. Gov.	$ 62,126.00
			PROTECTION 6.58% of Total		
			Police		
33	19,650.00	13,468.76	6,181.24	Salaries-Chief	14,218.36
34	14,175.00			Sergeant	9,925.76
35	52,440.00	35,477.11	29,296.89	Patrolmen	47,395.40
36	7,500.00	9,341.86		Specials	
37	7,000.00	4,506.11	2,493.89	Clerk	10,000.00
38	3,510.00	3,000.00	510.00	Crossing Guards	5200.
39	19,275.00	13,026.49	6,211.51	Expenses	
40				Communications	2720
	$ 123,550.00	$ 78,856.00	$ 44,694.00	Total Police	$112,283.00
			Fire		
41	8,700.00	7,266.66	1,433.34	Wages-Firemen	8,100.00
42	7,775.00	3,026.32	4,748.68	Expenses	12,350.00
43	1,800.00	1,300.00	500.00	Salaries-Engineers	1,300.00
44	300.00	199.92	100.08	Forest Fire Wardens	200.00
	$ 18,575.00	$ 11,792.90	$ 6,782.10	Total Fire	$ 21,950.00
			Gas Inspector		
45	525.00	320.00	204.00	Salary	378.00
46	168.00	105.00	63.00	Expense	135.00
			Wiring Inspector		
47	525.00	320.76	204.24	Salary	350.00
48	75.00	50.00	25.00	Expense	50.00
			Building Inspector		
49	450.00	275.00	175.00	Salary	300.00
			Oil Burner Inspector		
50	225.00	150.00	75.00	Salary	150.00
51	75.00	50.00	25.00	Expense	50.00
52	75.00			Town Forest	
			Tree Warden		
53	450.00	300.00	150.00	Salary	300.00
54	4,227.00	4,047.03	180.00	Expense	4,047. 5,500.00
			Moth		
55	1,650.00	1,491.53	158.47	Expenses	1,000.00
56	3,000.00	2,873.50	126.50	Dutch Elm	2,000.00
57	750.00	168.00	582.00	New Trees	700.00
58	1,500.00	748.00	752.00	Stump Removal	1,500.00

recommended

carried 37,917

14,450.00
2,500.00

Item #	Appropriated 1973-6/30/74	Expended 1973	Estimated Expend. to 6/30/74		Recommended 7/1/74 to 6/30/75
			Dog Officer		
59	450.00	275.00	175.00	Salary	316.00
60	975.00	598.00	377.00	Expense	684.00
			Civil Defense		
61		147.86	200.00	Expense	250.00
	$ 33,695.00	$ 26,600.00	$ 7,095.00	Total Protection	$ 147,896.00
		HEALTH & SANITATION	1.36% of Total		
62	2,400.00	767.08	1,632.92	Bd.of Health Exp.	1,000.00
			Health Nurse		
63	3,000.00	1,800.00	1,200.00	Salary	2,000.00
64	300.00	48.95	251.05	Expense	200.00
65	450.00	250.00	200.00	Plum. Insp. Salary	300.00
66	2,350.00	451.00	1,898.50	Sewerage Insp. Exp.	2,650.00
67	360.00	258.00	102.00	Vital Statistics	180.00
			Animal Inspector		
68	150.00	100.00	50.00	Salary	100.00
69	15.00	10.00	5.00	Expense	15.00
			Milk Inspector		
70	40.00	30.00	10.00	Salary	25.00
71	15.00	10.00	5.00	Expense	15.00
			Dump Maintenance		
72	8,306.27	5,533.84	2,772.43	Salary	6,032.00
73	32,250.00	18,518.29	13,731.71	Expenses	18,000.00
	49,636.27	27,777.66	21,858.61	Total Health & Sanitation	30,517.00
		HIGHWAYS	4.40% of Total		
74				Salary-Superintendent	
75				Wages	~~51,705.00~~
76				Expenses	
77	13,500.00	10,016.00	2,584.00	Thickly Settled - Art#6 appro.	22,389.80
78	4,950.00			Road Mach. Art #5 appro.	7,900.00
79	3,142.95	6,289.00	1,803.95	transf.	2,095.30
79	9,750.00			Ch. 81 Art#7 appro.	7,450.00
	13,612.50	11,079.50	12,283.00	transf.	9,075.00
80	6,000.00			Ch. 90 Const. Art #8 appro.	4,000.00
	18,000.00	12,213.00	11,787.00	transf.	12,000.00
81	3,000.00			Ch 90 Maint. Art #9 appro.	2,000.00
	750.00	3,295.00	455.00	transf.	500.00
82	50,000.00	27,943.00	22,057.00	Snow & Washouts	30,000.00
83	3,000.00	2,078.00	922.00	Sidewalks rails & bridges	2,500.00
84	3,750.00	3,032.00	718.00	Repairs on Private ways	3,500.00
85	2,000.00	1,956.00	44.00	Resurface 2 streets	

Item #	Appropriated 1973-6/30/74	Expended 1973	Estimated Expend. to 6/30/74		Recommended 7/1/74 to 6/30/75
86	$ 13,547.00	$ 9,030.76	$ 4,516.24	Street Lights	12,000.00
				Oiling Roads	10,000.00
				Water Dept. Work	4,100.00
	$ 143,002.95	$ 87,832.26	$ 55,170.69	Total	$ 129,510.10
				Less State Aid	30,686.00
				TOTAL HIGHWAYS	$ 98,824.10
		VETERANS BENEFITS	.41% of Total		
87	1,424.00	946.20	477.80	Serv. Off.-Salary	1,003.00
88	475.00	335.75	139.25	-Expense	250.00
89	188.00	44.50	143.50	Care of Graves	124.00
90	1,139.00	756.80	382.20	Soldiers Benefits	803.00
91	18,000.00	9,012.00	8,988.00	Clerk Expenses	7,000.00
	$ 21,226.00	$ 11,095.25	$ 10,130.75	Total Vets Benefits	$9,180.00
		SCHOOLS	68.34% of Total		
92	740,712.00	445,053.00	295,659.00	Salaries & Wages	
93	80,408.00	57,526.00	22,882.00	Expenses	
94	11,070.00	5,607.00	5,463.00	Special Tuition & Trans.	
95	48,088.00	26,929.00	21,159.00	Regular Transportation	
	$ 880,288.00	$ 535,115.00	$ 345,173.00	Total Elem. Scls	$ 647,512.00
96	6,890.00	4,032.60	2,857.40	Lunch Program	674,454.
97	13,103.94	13,103.94		Vocational Schools	
98	1,071,345.79	803,509.32	267,836.47	Pent. Reg. Asses.	701,129.00
99	244,373.38	135,006.00	109,367.38	Wht. Vo-Tek Asses	186,832.00
	$2,037,910.79	$ 1,490,766.86	$ 547,143.93	Total Schools	$ 1,535,473.00
		LIBRARY	1.05% of Total		
100	11,631.00	8,230.00	3,400.30	Salary-Librarian	8,914.00
101	10,808.00	7,284.52	3,523.48	Wages	8,421.00
102	6,080.00	7,359.78		Expenses	6,235.00
	$ 28,519.00	$ 22,875.00	$ 5,644.00	Total Library	$ 23,570.00
		RECREATION	.24% of Total		
103	5,075.00	2,220.97	2,854.00	Playground	3,500.00
104	1,380.00	1,380.00		Supervised Play	1,500.00
105	225.00	119.50	105.50	Indian Head Park	250.00
106	450.00	300.00	150.00	Christmas Parade	
	$ 7,130.00	$ 4,020.50	$ 3,109.50	Total Recreation	$ 5,250.00
		PENSIONS	1.38% of Total		
107	39,256.00	39,256.00		Essex Cty.Ret.Sys.	30,000.00
108	878.70	870.70		Pension Bill	897.91
	$ 40,135.70	$ 40,135.70	$	Total Pensions	$ 30,897.91
		UNCLASSIFIED	3.78% of Total		
109	28,890.02	18,099.47	11,640.00	Insurance	19,000.00
110	14,400.00	9,671.27	4,729.00	Group Insurance	15,200.00
111	300.00	327.40		Ambulance Service	300.00
112	75.00			Tax Title Prop.	50.00
113	900.00	496.60	403.40	Memorial Day	450.00
114	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	Rent Amer Leg. Qtrs.	500.00
115	375.00	285.00		Conserv. Comm. Exp.	250.00
116	3,000.00	1,391.80	1,608.20	Printing Twn. Rpts.	1,500.00
117	1,273.50	636.75	636.75	Merr. Vall. Pl. Comm	424.50

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118	$ 13,803.00	$ 9,201.87	$ 4,601.13	Light -Twn Bldgs	$ 10,500.00
119	891.00	593.72	297.28	Water -Twn Bldgs	1,100.00
120	5,000.00			Renovate Twn Hall Auditorium	5,000.00
121	1,500.00			Write Twn History	5,000.00
122	1,500.00			Hist. Comm. Expense	
123	8,700.00			Purchase B&M RR Land	
124	1,000.00	1,000.00		Merrimac Square Beaut.	
125	100.00			Town Government Comm.	
126	100.00			Dept. Public Works Comm.	
127	600.00	600.00		Twn Beaut Garden Comm	600.00
128	5,000.00	5,000.00		Stabilization Fund	5,000.00
129	25,000.00	3,763.65		Reserve Fund	20,000.00
	$ 95,806.52	$ 51,568.00	$ 44,238.00	Total Unclassified	$84,874.50
		WATER DEPT.	2.54% of Total		
130	5,875.00	3,850.57	2,024.43	Salary - Manager	4,475.00
131	3,450.00	2,246.90	1,203.10	Clerk	2,600.00
132	19,305.00	14,729.34	4,575.66	Wages	19,850.00
133	44,570.00	25,579.56	18,990.44	Expenses	30,050.00
134	15,023.00	12,524.25	2,498.75	Bond Anticip. Note	
135	4,500.00	4,500.00		Clean Mains Rt #110	
136	800.00		800.00	Install valve at Pump.Sta.	
137	250.00		250.00	Repair Roof at Pump. Sta.	
138	4,000.00		4,000.00	Flushing Mains	
139	1,506.00	1,506.00		Replace Mains on Priv. Prop.	
140	2,413.00	2,413.00		Purchase Power Mo	
141	1,000.00	1,000.00		Electric Work at Pump. Sta.	
	$ 102,692.00	$ 68,349.62	$ 34,342.38	Total Water	$ 56,975.00
		CEMETERIES	.67% of Total		
142	14,000.00	14,000.00		Wages	12,350.00
143	1,500.00	1,500.00		Expenses	2,500.00
144	225.00	225.00		Trustees Sal.	150.00
	$ 15,725.00	$ 15,725.00		Total Cemeteries	$ 15,000.00
		MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	6.49% of Total		
145	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	Debt: School Add.	5,000.00
146	45,000.00	45,000.00		Red Oak School	40,000.00
147	4,000.00	4,000.00		Water Meters	4,000.00
148	4,000.00	4,000.00		Fire Truck	
149	25,000.00		25,000.00	Brox Bldg.	20,000.00
150				Water Wells	35,000.00
				Interest:	
151	647.50	462.50	185.00	School Addition	185.00
152	31,500.00	21,630.00	9,870.00	Red Oak School	18,900.00
153	520.00	390.00	130.00	Water Meters	195.00
154	165.60	165.60		Fire Truck	
155	1,075.00	812.14	262.86	Brox Bldg.	1,720.00
156				Water Wells	11,760.00
157	13,203.65	13,203.65		T.A.N. Notes	10,000.00
	$ 135,111.75	$ 94,663.89	$ 40,447.86	Total Maturing Debt & Interest	$147,620.00

TOTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS	$	2,224,533.21
TOTAL RECOMMENDED TRANSFERS	$	23,670.30
TOTAL RECOMMENDED SPECIAL ARTICLES	$	28,300.00

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SURPLUS REVENUE		$ 120,851.02
Personal 1973	$ 3,048.77	
Personal 1972	1,043.76	
Personal 1971	19.95	
Real 1973	55,583.28	
Real 1972	9,989.70	69,685.46
	FREE CASH	$ 51,165.56

BORROWING CAPACITY OF TOWN JANUARY 1, 1974

Real and Personal:

Valuation 1971 less abatements	$ 13,698,120.00
Valuation 1972 less abatements	13,873,027.00
Valuation 1973 less abatements	14,459,458.00

Motor Vehicle Excises:

Valuation 1971 less abatements	$ 2,274,306.00
Valuation 1972 less abatements	2,410,633.00
Valuation 1973 less abatements	1,718,595.00
Net valuation 3 yrs. less abatements	$ 48,434,139.00
Average valuation 3 yrs. less abatements	$ 16,144,713.00
5% thereof (Debt Limit)	807,236.00

EXISTING TOWN DEBT

Outside Debt Limit, Principal:

Red Oak School (1964 - $785,000) Balance	$ 470,000.00
New Water Wells (1973 - $480,000) Balance	$ 480,000.00

Inside Debt Limit:

School Addition (1960 - $75,000) Balance	$ 10,000.00
Water Meters (1966 - $40,000) Balance	8,000.00
Brox Building Purchase (1973 - $65,000) Balance	65,000.00
	$ 1,033,000.00

INTEREST ON ABOVE

Outside Debt Limit:

Red Oak School	$ 18,900.00
New Water Wells	$ 43,475.00

Inside Debt Limit:

School Addition	$ 185.00
Water Meters	195.00
Brox Building	1,935.00
	$ 64,690.00

RECOMMENDATIONS ON ARTICLES

1. Omnibus article on budget
   Recommended

2. Authorization for Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money
   Recommended

3. Authorization for the Selectmen to sell any property taken by the Town until the 1975 Town Meeting
   Recommended

4. Authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from "Free Cash" in the treasury toward the reduction of 1974 tax rate
   Recommended

5. To raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of road machinery
   Recommended - Appropriate $7,900.00
   Transfer $2,905.30

6. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets
   Recommended - Appropriate $22,389.80

7. To raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance
   Recommended - Appropriate $7,450.00
   Transfer $9,075.00

8. To raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction
   Recommended - Appropriate $4,000.00
   Transfer $12,000.00

9. To raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway maintenance
   Recommended - Appropriate $2,000.00
   Transfer $ 500.00

10. To appropriate the sum of $1,275.00 from the sale of cemetery lots to be expended for "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of the cemeteries
    Recommended

11. To appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light operating balance to be used by the Assessors with estimated receipts to reduce the 1974 tax rate
    Recommended - Lighting town bldgs. $ 10,500.00
    Street lights 12,000.00
    Reduction of taxes 25,000.00

12. To transfer dog license fees to the Library
    Recommended

13. To accept benefits to public libraries
    Recommended

14. To authorize the Tree Warden to hire himself to perform labor or render services to the Tree Department at the rate of $2.00 per hour
Recommended

15. To accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 6B relative to appropriations of money for the purchase of uniforms for members of the Police and Fire Department
Recommended

16. To accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108L concerning the establishment of a career incentive pay program for regular full time members of the Police Department or transfer from available funds a sum of money to defray the cost thereof during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1974
Not recommended

17. To reduce by attrition and thereby limit the total number of full time Police Officers employed by the Town of Merrimac to six
No Finance Committee Recommendation

18. To accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 97A of the General Laws as amended relative to the establishment membership and supervision of the Police Department
No Finance Committee Recommendation

19. To raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred ($3,800.00) Dollars to be expended by the Selectmen for the purchase of a Police Cruiser and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in any present Police Cruiser towards the cost of a new Police Cruiser
Recommended for Approval

20. To raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars to be expended by the Fire Department for the purchase of radio equipment
Recommended for Approval

21. To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand ($2,000.00) Dollars to be expended by the Fire Department for the purchase of hose
Recommended for Approval

22. To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand ($2,000.00) Dollars to be expended by the Fire Department to relocate the fire alarm panel from the present Fire Station to the Brox Building
Recommended for Approval

23. To raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand ($3,000.00) Dollars to be expended by the Fire Department to defray the cost of an answering and dispatch service.
Recommended for Approval

24. To raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand ($6,000.00) Dollars to be expended for the purchase of a four wheel drive pickup truck for the Highway Department
Recommended for Approval

25. To amend the By-Laws of the Town by adding to Article XIII the following: "Section 5. Refuse of each of the following types: (1) Cardboard (Chipboard, corrugated board, other cardboard), newspapers and magazines, (2) bottles and other glass containers made of clear or green glass, (3) aluminum, steel and tin cans, and (4) all other refuse, shall be separately set out for collection or deposited on the Town dump and shall be collected and so deposited and then recycled. The Board of Health shall from time to time promulgate regulations to implement the purposes of this section; provided that no regulation shall be promulgated under this section except after a public hearing. A notice of any such hearing containing the date, time and location of the hearing and a summary of the regulation under consideration shall be ~~published~~ at least seven days prior to the hearing in a newspaper published in the Town circulated
No Finance Committee Recommendation

26. To establish a Council on Ageing consisting of seven to eleven citizens of the Town, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms not to exceed four years for any member. Said term shall be staggered so that not more than three appointments shall be made in any calendar year. Members can be reappointed for concurrent terms. The duties of said Council on Ageing shall be to: 1. Identify the total needs of the communities elderly population; 2. Educate the community and enlist support in participation of all citizens concerning these needs; 3. Design, promote, or implement services to fill these needs, or coordinate present existing services in the community; 4. Promote and support any other programs which are designed to assist elderly programs in the community. Said Council on Ageing shall cooperate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elderly Affairs and shall be cognizant of all State and Federal Legislation concerning funding, information exchange, and program planning which exist for better community programing for the elderly. Said Council on Ageing shall give an annual report to the Board of Selectmen with a copy of that report directed to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elderly Affairs.
No Finance Committee Recommendation

27. To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Forty ($2,140.00) Dollars to aid in treatment, training and rehabilitation of the mentally ill and mentally retarded, said money to be received and administered by the Haverhill-Newburyport Mental Health and Mental Retardation Area Board
Not Recommended for Approval

28. To transfer the care, custofy, management and control of the land known as Indian Head Park to the Playground Commission
No Finance Committee Recommendation

29. To raise and appropriate the sume of One Thousand Five Hundred ($1,500.00) Dollars to be expended by the Playground Commission for the care and Maintenance of Indian Head Park
Recommended for Approval

30. To designate River Road as a scenic road under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 15C Postponed
No Finance Committee Recommendation

31. To raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred ($3,500.00) Dollars to be expended by the Cemetary Trustees to defray the cost of hot topping roads in Locust Grove Cemetary
Not Recommended for Approval

32. To raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety-Five ($895.00) Dollars to be expended by the Trustees of the Public Library for the purchase of furnishings for the newly renovated Public Library
Not Recommended for Approval

33. To adopt a resolution indicating a local need for Flood Insurance, a desire to participate in the Federal Flood Insurance Program and appoint the Board of Selectmen as the Board with responsibility, authority and means to take any official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objective of the Flood Insurance Program
No Finance Committee Recommendation

34. That under the provisions of Chapter 45, Section 21 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 893 of the Acts of 1971 to authorize the Conservation Commission to appoint a Special Town Forest Committee to be in charge of the management and care of the Town Forest
No Finance Committee Recommendation

35. To authorize the Selectmen to appoint a sewage treatment committee consisting of three individuals whose duty shall be to investigate the feasibility of a sewage treatment facility and to advise the Town on various matters relating to the creation of a sewage treatment system and to authorize said committee to apply for, receive and expend any financial assistance necessary or convenient for the purposes of the committee
Recommended for Approval

36. To raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred ($600.00) Dollars to be expended by the Beautification Committee for the care and maintenance of road side gardens
Taken care of by Item #127 - Omnibus Article

37. To 1. authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire for park purposes by purchase, eminent domain, gift or partly by purchase and partly by gift, the fee, or any lesser interest in, the land and buildings in Merrimac Square known as the Mobil Gas Station property, said property being more particularly bounded and described in transfer certificate of Title #1040, Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Registered Land Section; 2. to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of

to defray the purchase price and other costs of this acquisition; 3. to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Town Beautification Committee and Conservation Committee to apply for and receive any State, Federal or other assistance which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; 4. to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Committee and Town Beautification Committee to do anything which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing
Not recommended for Approval

38. To petition the General Court pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of LXXXIX of the amendments to the State Constitution for a special law substantially in the following form: "For the purposes of the fifth sentence of Section 7 of Chapter 150E as inserted by Chapter 1078 of the Acts of 1973, the provisions of Section 34 of Chapter 71 shall be deemed to be not operative in the Town of Merrimac"
No Finance Committee Recommendation

39. To amend Article II, Section I of the By-Laws of the Town to change the words "fifteenth day of January" to "fourth day of March" so that it will read: Every officer in charge of a Department shall annually on or before the fourth day of March transmit to the Selectmen, a report containing a statement of the acts and financial transactions of said Department for the last financial year, to be printed in the Annual Report

Recommended for Approval

40. To receive and place on file the report of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Department of Public Works

No Finance Committee Recommendation

41. To receive and place on file the report of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Changing Town Government

No Finance Committee Recommendation

42. To appropriate and transfer from Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of

to be expended by the Brox Building Renovation Committee for the purpose of repairing, remodeling and renovating the Brox Building. 2. That said repairing, remodeling and renovating include the following: (a) Repair of roof (b) Sprinkler system (c) Any other repair, remodeling or renovation deemed necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Brox Building Renovation Committee to enable the Fire Department to move into the Brox Building (d) Any other repair, remodeling or renovation deemed necessary or convenient in the opinion of the Brox Building Renovation Committee 3. That the Brox Renovation Committee be authorized to enter into any contracts or do anything which may be necessary or convenient in carrying out the purposes for this article

Recommended for Approval

43. To 1. Acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, for cemetery purposes, a certain parcel of land containing 28 acres, more or less, located on the Cemetery Road, Locust Street and River Road and being more particularly bounded and described in Book 6018, Page 326; 2. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of

to defray the purchase price, surveying expenses and other costs of this acqusition; 3. Authorize the Board of Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees to do anything which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing

Not Recommended for Approval

44. To raise and appropriate the sum of $115,000.00 to be used with funds appropriated under Article 28, Annual Town Meeting, February 26, 1973 for the construction of a storage standpipe, control chamber and accessory work

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